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**NO SHARIA IN CANADA** A woman protests Sharia law in Montréal last week, days before Ontario announced a ban.

## Ontario to ban faith-based courts

MATT FREINER  
Photo Editor

In the wake of a wave of anti-Sharia protests across Canada and Europe last Thursday, the government of Ontario has taken a firm stance against faith-based arbitration.

For some months, the question of whether to allow Sharia-based family courts in Ontario has been hotly disputed, but Premier Dalton McGuinty put a quick cap on debate when speaking to reporters by telephone on Sunday.

"There will be no Sharia law in Ontario. There will be no religious arbitration in Ontario. There will be one law for all Ontarians," he said.

This decision counteracts Ontario's 1991 Arbitration Act, which formally allowed for faith-based arbitration, including those that are a part of some Christian, Jewish and Aboriginal traditions. McGuinty's move would override these types of arbitration as well.

Sharia is a set of Islamic laws, based in the Qur'an, which are traditionally used to settle civil and family disputes. In December 2004, a government report by former Ontario attorney general Marion Boyd proposed that Sharia tribunals become a legal method of family arbitration. The tribunals would have allowed family disputes on marriage, custody and inheritance to be settled informally

through a Mullah applying principles of Islamic law.

Sharia arbitration would have to be voluntarily chosen by both parties, and the decision could be appealed in the courts. However, concerns were raised that women might be coerced into agreeing to use the Islamic tribunals.

According to Saleem Qureshi, U of A professor of Middle Eastern politics, Sharia arbitration laws are largely anti-woman, and should be disallowed in Canada.

"There is no doubt that the content is heavily weighted in favour of men. So as I see it, it's simply in denial of women's rights," Qureshi said.

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## Activity Complex goes back to Council

Faculty of Physical Education seeks \$40 annual student fee for new arena, fitness centre, upgrades

ROSS PRUSAKOWSKI  
News Staff

Problems with overcrowded workout facilities, dingy change rooms and a shortage of ice time on campus may all vanish in the near future if the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation can convince students to support a new dedicated fee.

In a presentation to Students' Council on Tuesday evening, Dean Michael Mahon introduced a proposal that would see the Students' Union initiate a plebiscite on the creation of a non-academic dedicated fee to help fund the development of a Physical Activities Complex (PAC).

The plan would have to go to a plebiscite because—unlike most dedicated fees—the University administration, and not the Students' Union, would be collecting the fee, and it is prohibited by policy from collecting non-instructional fees without the consent of a majority of students.

In order to complete the entire complex all at once, rather than adopt a piecemeal plan, the faculty says it needs to approach students for a contribution, especially in light of the minimal amount of government funding available for the project.

"Provincial governments will not typically give funding for these sorts of projects out of postsecondary funds," said Mahon.

"I would love to be successful in making the argument that this

project is as important as a new science building, but so far we've not been successful. We have to be inventive in looking at different strategies to try and make sure that we are able to provide these opportunities on campus."

**"In a situation where we're losing professors every year, to ask students to cough up money for a Physical Activity Complex is a bit ridiculous."**

CATRIN BERGHOFF,  
ARTS COUNCILOR

According to some members of Council who listened to the proposal, it was not entirely convincing that the PAC is a priority for campus.

"I honestly think it would be great to have [the PAC]. However, I also think that there are other needs that are much more pressing," Arts Councilor Catrin Berghoff said.

"I think the University is a place of higher learning and that should come first. In a situation where we're losing professors every year, to ask students to cough up money for a Physical Activity Complex is a bit ridiculous."

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## U of A opens doors to Katrina-scattered students

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Deputy News Editor

Now that the initial impact of the disaster is passing, university students in Louisiana whose campuses have been destroyed by Hurricane Katrina are looking for new options to continue their studies. And though it may be more convenient to stay in the United States, the University of Alberta is offering itself up to students who have been left without classes this fall.

Dr. Bill Connor, Vice-Provost (Academic Programs) and Dean of Students, said that the decision was made after looking at the response of other postsecondary institutions in North America.

"We looked at what other institu-

tions in the States were doing, and I guess a couple had acted in Canada at that point. We concluded that we would be able to manage to admit some of the students if their institutions were shut down," Connor said.

The University made the announcement that they would accept students on Friday, 8 September, giving students interested in fall enrolment until 20 September to register. As of yesterday, there had been one request from an undergraduate student, formerly of the University of New Orleans, looking to be informed on the University's liberal arts program. Whether or not this student will study at the U of A is still up in the air, Associate Registrar and Director of Enrolment Management Gerry Kendal said.

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## SIHA volunteers head abroad to aid poor communities

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For most university students, the end of exams in April means a four-month break from all that is academic, or at least a chance to work full-time to save money for tuition. But for members of the Students' International Health Association (SIHA), giving up ten weeks of their time during the summer is a small sacrifice to make in order to work on local aid projects in Tanzania in East Africa or Guyana in South America.

The non-profit, volunteer organization, which has been running at the University of Alberta since 1989, organizes the annual summer programs with the help of advisors from the Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Stan Houston and Dr. Anne Fanning (retired), along with the Global Health Standing Committee.

Sean Welling, president of SIHA and one of the members who volunteered in Guyana this past summer, explained that a physical presence is the most effective way individuals interested in international aid can help developing countries.

"The problem with some of these countries is that they don't have the resources to take money and develop it in a meaningful way to get these projects going," Welling said. "It's much more effective for us to bring ourselves down as resources and get projects happening."

A new partnership with a non-governmental organization (NGO)

in Guyana called Varqa has allowed SIHA to begin working on a variety of projects in the region, specifically one aimed at decreasing and preventing child labour.

And continual efforts in Tanzania with the multinational NGO Population Services International (PSI), have made headway educating the local population on how to prevent contracting malaria.

**"Georgetown, the capital city [in Guyana], doesn't have a single working traffic light in it. There are lots of intersections that have traffic lights, but none of them work anymore, and it's just a myriad of things like that."**SEAN WELLING,  
PRESIDENT, STUDENTS'  
INTERNATIONAL HEALTH  
ASSOCIATION

"Basically [the locals] can't afford the treatment for malaria—it's too expensive—so we thought it would be smarter to encourage them to prevent them from getting it in the first place," SIHA's PR representative John MacLean explained.

MacLean, who volunteered this past



JOSHUA NAULT

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA WITH LOVE A group of SIHA members.

summer in Tanzania, stressed the significance that the efforts SIHA members make have.

"There's a huge need for malaria education, as one person in Tanzania dies from it about every five minutes. So it's a huge problem," MacLean said. "As a tourist going to Tanzania, you wouldn't see what we see as a member of SIHA, so that's a big drawing point."

Welling described the culture shock of witnessing first hand the effects of unbelievably low literacy rates and lack of public funding in Guyana.

"Georgetown, the capital city [in Guyana], doesn't have a single working traffic light in it. There are lots of intersections that have traffic lights,

but none of them work anymore, and it's just a myriad of things like that," he said.

However, despite the disadvantages faced by the people of Tanzania and Guyana, both MacLean and Welling expressed admiration for the warmth and hospitality SIHA received from the locals in the two project regions. "The people [of Guyana] were really spectacular. They just had a really strong sense of community and a really strong sense of family," Welling said.

"The quality of people [in Tanzania] is incredible," MacLean said. "It's very sad though, too, because they don't have anything at all. And that really hits home."

## STREETERS

Whether it's for baking, toast or a tasty piece of corn, the debate continues.

What do you like better, butter or margarine?

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That's tough. I don't really know the difference. Wouldn't butter be creamier? Margarine seems less fattening, but butter, doesn't it taste better? Actually, I don't know.

I like margarine better, because butter, when it came out of the fridge, is too hard to get with a knife. So I like margarine better because you can use it right out of the fridge and put it on your toast or whatever.

I actually just eat butter because it's what my family buys. I guess it tastes better, and it's creamier.

I definitely like margarine better, it's much more spreadable. It's hydrogenated, but what can you do? Butter definitely tastes better, but I'll stick with margarine just because it's simpler and takes less time.

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## Religious groups contemplate options

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Echoing that sentiment, Homa Arjomand, coordinator of the International Campaign Against Sharia Court in Canada, said McGuin's announcement was a victory for women's rights in Canada and globally.

"Our rights are not guaranteed under any type of faith-based arbitration. It's about time for the government to come forward and say no to all this," said Arjomand.

Arjomand coordinated protests in eleven cities across Canada and in Europe on 8 September in vocal opposition to the use of Sharia law principles in Ontario. Along with Paris and London, protestors also gathered in Quebec, where Sharia law has already been disallowed.

But McGuin's decision hasn't pleased everyone. Anita Bromberg, a legal counsel for the national Jewish rights organisation B'nai Brith Canada, said wiping out all faith's right to arbitrate issues within their respective communities to satisfy human rights

concerns with Sharia law is not an acceptable solution.

"We are currently in consultation with constitutional lawyers, as well as with representatives from the Muslim community, to see what kind of path we will take to challenge Premier McGuin's decision," she said.

Bromberg said B'nai Brith is very disappointed by the decision to end the Jewish arbitration system, which has been in effect for 100 years in Ontario.

However, Qureshi doesn't believe such arguments hold water.

"Is there any law with which everybody is happy? A government must proceed on the basis of what is good for the society, in spite of the fact that some people will be opposed to it. And I think that this decision is good for society."

He sees the case in Ontario as a strong precedent, which should make anyone wanting to implement Sharia law in Alberta think twice.

"Some people [here in Alberta]

were hoping it would be legalized in Ontario, and they would use that as a basis to demand the same thing in Alberta. But, of course, the rug has been pulled out from under their feet."

As a counsellor for abused women and children in the Muslim community, Arjomand said Sharia law is practised informally today, such as when Mullahs bless third and fourth wives, even though they have no authority under Canadian law.

Qureshi is firm, though, that we should not allow other faiths to practice their own set of laws independent of the Canadian judicial system.

"When you place law in the mouth of God, you have great difficulty," he said. "All religion is interpretation. Christianity, Judaism and Islam can be interpreted to advocate violence, or to advocate peace."

"I think there should be one law in Canada for all Canadians."

• With files from Nadya Bell, CUP  
Ontario Bureau Chief

## Katrina victims would have tuition paid

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Heather Hogg, Assistant Dean (Graduate Studies and Research), said that the University is hoping to match graduate students unable to study at their home institutions with research being done here, however, there have not been any requests yet.

"We've had a couple of offers of people willing to room and board students, but I haven't had any actual requests from [graduate] students for placement. It's fairly early in the game," Hogg said.

Students admitted to the University under this agreement would be given the status of visiting student, meaning they are still enrolled at their home institution but studying here for a portion of their degree.

However, unlike regular visiting students who are expected to pay tuition, the University has made an offer to cover the costs of tuition, Connor explained.

"The tuition would be waived ... if their own classes are cancelled. I think that would be the decent thing to do; it wouldn't be a large amount of money," said Connor.

Connor also stressed that the University could offer placement to students with disabilities, and there has already been joint work going on between the U of A and Tulane University.

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DR BILL CONNOR,  
DEAN OF STUDENTS

"Our specialized support and disabilities people are very good in handling partially sighted and blind people. It's something that we can do that not everybody could. It's hard to say what the capacity is in Louisiana, or whether somebody who is blind or partially sighted would want to come

all the way to Alberta, but if they did, we'd be happy to treat them well," Connor said.

"It would be quite an adventure whether they had a disability or not. It's hard to say if we're going to get takers, but we'd be really, really happy if we did."

All admission decisions will be handled on an individual basis, and since the process is so unique, there are still some questions left unanswered, like the issue of housing. Kendal said. He stressed that the University will make an effort to provide housing opportunities to students who need it, based on availability in residences.

Whether or not any students from Louisiana end up coming to Edmonton, Connor said that making the offer was an important thing to do.

"There is a kind of a kinship, a family feeling between institutions like this. Sometimes there's a tendency to think of ourselves to be in competition for reputation, for students ... but in a crisis like this, you really think, 'Well, we're in the same business and we share the same goals, and they're pretty good,'" Connor concluded.

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## COUNCIL FORUM

Compiled by Ross Prusakowski

Students' Council meets every second Tuesday in the Council Chambers in University Hall at 6pm. Council meetings are open to all students. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 27 September.

### LET'S GET PHYSICAL

After a summer of struggling to achieve quorum, it was a packed house at Council on Tuesday night as councilors absent over the course of the summer returned to their seats, and members from the Faculty of Physical Education arrived to make a presentation (see "Activity Complex goes back to Council," page 1).

With the presentation completed, Council undertook a little housekeeping. First off, it filled seats on various committees that were opened up by resignations or have remained vacant since this Council's inauguration in the spring. Having completed that, the members of the executive committee provided reports on their efforts since Council last met.

### VPX DISPLEASED

An upstate from Vice-President (External) Sam Power reported to Council her displeasure with a meeting she recently attended as part of the provincial government's review of postsecondary education. The meeting focused on tuition fee policy and investment options.

Power said she was upset that the meeting emphasized the use of income-contingent loans—loans where tuition isn't paid by students until after graduation, with the payments indexed to annual income. She suggested that though they were being seriously considered as a solution to tuition problems, she didn't support this form of loan because it can take upwards of 30 years to repay them. Power also argued that because tuition isn't paid immediately under such a system, governments could deregulate and raise tuition with less opposition.

The only other major update from the executive came from Vice-President (Academic) Matt Johnson, who noted that progress was occurring on the development of a training program that would allow students and student groups to use smart classrooms without a technical assistant. This would save the fee required to pay the assistant, but Johnson cautioned that while the program looks good, it doesn't seem

likely it will be implemented until next academic year, mainly because of the logistics involved in training students and creating access codes specific for student groups.

### HOUSEKEEPING BILL EXTENSIVELY DEBATED

With the mundane business concluded, Council proceeded to grapple with legislation designed to clarify and unify various existing bylaws. While a bill dealing with the Discipline Interpretation and Enforcement Board—the judicial arm of the Students' Union—passed without debate, councilors undertook a clause-by-clause examination of a 37-clause bill that would consolidate all relevant sections from various bylaws that dealt with Students' Council into one bill.

Consideration of the bill was only undertaken after a lengthy conversation on how exactly the bill should be considered, a tangent that took up nearly ten minutes of Council's time. In the end, Council failed to get through the entirety of the bill as a result of quibbles from various members, meaning that the introduction of a large portion of the bill still needed to be reviewed and the eventual passage of the bill would have to wait until at least the next meeting of Council.



# Some councilors skeptical about cost of proposed PAC

PAC • CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Under the proposal presented to Council, students would be asked to support a fee of up to \$40 per year for maximum of 30 years to help fund the building of the PAC, which would include, among other things, a new 3500-seat arena, upgrades to Clare Drake Arena, and a 40 000-square-foot fitness centre.

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**DR MIKE MAHON,  
DEAN, FACULTY OF PHYSICAL  
EDUCATION AND RECREATION**

The funding provided by students would amount to roughly two thirds of the total cost of the \$34 million building, and students would receive two seats on various PAC committees, which drew the ire of some councilors.

"The questions about student input were really vaguely answered," said Berghoff.

"Students are going to get to sit on a steering committee, which is essentially an advisory body; I feel that if [students] pay two thirds of the

money, we should get two thirds of the say. It's a very simple concept, and it wasn't addressed at all."

For the remainder of the funding, the faculty has already lined up a \$5 million donation from an anonymous donor, along with some money from the University, provincial government and various outside sources, including alumni. The Graduate Students' Association is also considering contributing, but put off a decision until undergraduate students make their final decision.

"This approach has been taken by a number of universities across Canada," Mahon said in his presentation. "Our [suggested fee] is probably one of [the lowest], if not the lowest, in terms of what we're asking students to contribute, while conversely what this fee will contribute to is the most significant facility in Canada. Also, the 30-year period is required, because it provides the resources necessary on the one hand, while on the other it keeps the cost per student down."

The presentation was made to Council because of the plebiscite requirement and Council's ability to put a question on the ballot without requiring a petition bearing student signatures.

That procedure was attempted last year, but miscommunication and procedural errors ensured the proposal was never put to a vote. However, under SU bylaws, there is still plenty of time remaining to collect signatures, and a petition could be used to compel the SU to place the question on the ballot in the spring if Council rejects the PAC proposal. Some members of Council feel the decision is best left to students.

"There's a difference between sup-

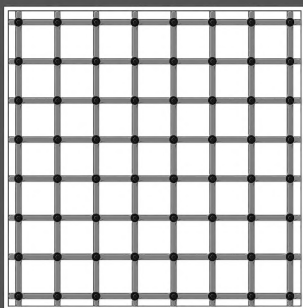


**RAINBOWS AND LOLLIPOPS NOT INCLUDED** The west end of campus will look quite different if the PAC goes ahead. SUPPLIED

porting asking a question and supporting a particular answer to a question; that's where we are at right now," said Jason Tobias, SU Vice-President (Operations and Finance). "Do I think this is a decision that should be made by students, by a plebiscite? Absolutely."

## THE PAC PROPOSAL

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# Bankruptcy an option for students, but only ten years after graduation

Canadian Federation of Students' challenge of 1998 federal amendment defeated; organization vows to continue fight against 'discriminatory act'

DIANA MCLAY  
Interrobang

LONDON, Ontario (CUP)—As it stands, a ten-year waiting period to file for bankruptcy is still in effect for graduates who have accumulated thousands of dollars in student debt, despite a recent challenge from a prominent national student lobby group.

Over the summer, the Canadian Federation of Students, an organization representing a coalition of Canadian postsecondary students and student unions, lost a constitutional challenge they filed against the federal Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act concerning those who have acquired student debt.

According to a CFS statement, Justice Gordon Sedgwick ruled against CFS' challenge, "on the basis that student loan borrowers do not constitute a protected social category that should qualify for protection from discrimination."

The federal government amended the Act in 1998 to prohibit those with student debt to claim bankruptcy until ten years after completion of their last course. CFS challenged the amendment under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, claiming students are being treated unfairly.

"We were trying to say that students as a group can't be discriminated against under the constitution,"

said George Soule, national chair of CFS. "Just because you have a student loan, you will be treated differently than those with [other forms of] debt."

Doreen Whitehead, manager of financial aid at Fanshawe College in London, Ontario, said that, before the 1998 amendment, some students would accumulate high amounts of government debt and intentionally claim bankruptcy to avoid payment.

ing a low wage after completion of school.

"I think the government has done a lot for students after graduation," said Whitehead. "Students are now more responsible for the agreement they signed."

According to Soule, the average family income for students claiming bankruptcy prior to the amendment was \$14 000.

"Students in most need were filing for bankruptcy," he said.

Soule said that claiming bankruptcy is not the easy way out for most graduates, considering it's a long and tedious process that is not easily forgotten by society.

A survey conducted by Statistics Canada in 2002 found that 41 per cent of college graduates left school with an average debt of \$12 600 in 2000. That amount is up 21 per cent compared to students who graduated in 1995, and up 76 per cent compared to students who graduated in 1990.

Even though they experienced a minor setback in their cause, Soule said the CFS would continue their fight on legal and political levels.

"Students must realize that education is their right, not a financial burden," said Soule.

The CFS is also lobbying for more government funding for low-income students and tuition freezes for post-secondary institutions throughout the country.

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NATIONAL CHAIR, CANADIAN  
FEDERATION OF STUDENTS

Under the current rule, Whitehead said there are payment options and debt relief opportunities for students who are either unemployed or earn-

mental hypothesis.

"The main aim is to come up with an economically beneficial system," said Rosemann. "We are not dealing with the question: does it work? We are dealing with the question: can we make it work economically?"

"We are dealing with this challenge by using materials and subcomponents of the system which are low cost for mass production," he said.

**"Illuminating an office space with daylight [also] has psychological effects. People like to work under natural lighting far more than under artificial lighting. It creates a more natural working environment."**

ALEXANDER ROSEMMANN,  
UBC PHYSICIST

Over the summer, the solar lighting project was set up in a portable test room to record measurements and evaluate the system's performance at different positions and times of day.

According to Rosemann, the overall impact of using this technology would

be extensive.

"You cut down on the cost of electrical energy ... as you don't have to switch on the lighting," he said. "As well, you have an impact on the greenhouse gas emissions."

"Illuminating an office space with daylight [also] has psychological effects," he added. "People like to work under natural lighting far more than under artificial lighting. It creates a more natural working environment."

Engineering graduate Alvin Wai, another researcher on the project, expanded on the benefits of the research.

"You can transfer heat into the offices in the winter, and in the summer you can block the heat out," he said. "As well, it provides shade from direct sunlight, [which] prevents glare inside the office."

Working with Rosemann and Wai on the project were researchers in the UBC Structured Surface Physics Laboratory, in cooperation with Natural Resources Canada and the Korean Institute for Energy Research.

The researchers said they don't see an end to their project in the near future. "When you carry out research, if you solve one question, you come up with ten new ones," said Rosemann. "The day-lighting research will carry on. The ultimate goal would be if every building was equipped with the solar lighting system."

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VANCOUVER (CUP)—There are few things more enjoyable than basking in the sunlight, and fortunately for sun-worshippers, this luxury may soon be available in the workplace.

With the use of mirrors, prisms, and a little help from the sun, University of British Columbia researchers have been developing a way to fill office buildings with natural light.

According to Alexander Rosemann, the lead researcher on the solar lighting project, the aim of the research is to guide direct sunlight into office spaces and to get the light into deeper zones of the building, where sunlight usually doesn't go.

"We developed a solar canopy and a hybrid light guide that tracks the sun and can point it into the building," explained Rosemann. "There is the slight problem where the sun is moving all the time, so we need a solar canopy that adapts. This is reached by using the adaptive butterfly array of mirrors. Each mirror is held by three strings; one holds it in place, and by operating the other two strings we can reflect the sunlight into the solar canopy system."

"After the light is transferred to the hybrid prism light guide, it can travel into deeper building zones. The light leaks out along the way for illumination purposes."

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# Atmospheric pollution knows no borders

U of T professor's MOPITT probe shows carbon monoxide emissions can spread across the world

MIKE GHENI  
The Variety

TORONTO (CUP)—Air pollution can't be considered a local problem, according to a University of Toronto researcher who helped develop a satellite to track the global distribution of pollutants such as carbon monoxide.

Dr James Drummond, an atmospheric physicist who studies the global dispersion of pollutants in the layer of the atmosphere found four to five kilometers above the Earth's surface, was the principal investigator on a team that developed the Measurements of Pollution in the Troposphere probe (MOPITT), which was launched in 1999. The probe has found that air pollutants tend to spread well beyond their place of origin.

"We kind of knew that already, but when you actually see chemicals being transported, when you can visualize that, then it really takes hold," Drummond said.

MOPITT's findings have shed light on how far pollutants in the upper troposphere can travel.

"As far as carbon monoxide—which is produced from wild fires—is concerned, we can see that being transported at least a third of the way across the world, easily from one continent to another," said Drummond.

Carbon monoxide from Africa crosses the Indian Ocean, reaching Australia; from China it crosses the Pacific to reach North America; and carbon monoxide emitted in North America drifts over Europe.

In 2003, pollutants set up by huge forest fires in Siberia permeated the whole of the northern hemisphere.

"Everybody affects everybody else downstream—the whole system is globally connected," said Drummond. "You find that visibility thousands of kilometers away drops because of the

outflow from these fires."

Drummond completed his undergraduate and graduate studies at Oxford University, before coming to U of T in 1979. This year, he became one of 13 U of T professors elected as fellows of the Academy of Science of the Royal Society of Canada—an academic's hall of fame, of sorts—which he took quite modestly.

"You feel [like] such a fraud, because you're always part of a team," he said. Recently, Drummond has been working on a team that is setting up a research facility at Burela, in Nunavut—an isolated environment where equipment must be flown in by cargo plane, and can only be done during summer. The station will be measuring air quality as well as looking for telltale signs of climate change.

"Many people think that's where the first real signs of change are going to happen," he said.

But in order to observe such long-term trends, Drummond said Canadian science must do better when it comes to organizing for the long-term.

"We have a scientific space program that is frankly the envy of the world," he said. "For the amount of money that is spent, the scientific return is huge. [But] where we're worst is in making long-term commitments to measurements, because so much of what we are funded for is focused on the short-term."

Drummond said he has had to deal with up to ten different funding agencies to secure grants for the Arctic station.

"If you want a long-term data record to understand what long-term changes are happening, you need to make long-term measurements," he said. "You can't make last year's measurements this year."

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Compiled by Jake Troughton

### ONTARIO COLLEGE SUPPORT STAFF ACCEPT 11% HOUR OFFER

LONDON, Ontario (CUP)—Ontario college support staff reached a tentative agreement with their employers earlier this month, avoiding a potentially disruptive strike at colleges across Ontario during the first week of classes.

On 1 September, one week before workers were set to strike, the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) struck a three-year agreement on behalf of the 65,000 employees who work in financial aid, security, registration and admissions in colleges throughout Ontario.

"We thought the deal was fair and met their demands," said Howard Rundle, president of Fanshawe College.

On 4 August, Fanshawe support staff voted an overwhelming 91 per cent in favor to strike if an acceptable contract was not delivered to their bargaining team by the 7 September deadline.

"Our hope is to get management to respect the things we do," said Jean Fordyce, OPSEU Local 109 President and Fanshawe financial aid employee.

If an agreement had not been made by the deadline, students would have faced excessive lines for financial aid, course and program alterations as well as student ID cards. Computer and network maintenance would have been abandoned and, according to Fordyce, computer labs would have been closed.

The college support staff workers wanted a maximum three-year offer that included a four per cent wage increase and recognition allowance.

The tentative settlement is a three-year agreement, including a three per cent staged wage increase, a drug benefits card and recognition allowance of \$400 to those who have completed ten years of service.

Diana McLay/Interrobang

### QUÉBEC ELIMINATES HIGH SCHOOL SEX-ED CLASSES

MONTREAL (CUP)—Teachers in Québec high schools may now have to address sex education in math class.

Sex education classes have been cut from the Québec curriculum this year, as a result of educational reforms that began five years ago. Math, language, and science teachers are now required to incorporate sex education topics into their respective disciplines as part of an initiative to interconnect traditional subjects.

The changes are cause for concern, said Channing Rodman, a Montréal-based funding researcher for Head and Hands, which offers legal, social, and medical services to youths.

"Under this new curriculum, there will be no basis for evaluating the student's knowledge about sex and no set standard for teachers to aim at," she said.

Rodman also worries that teachers will not have adequate training or resources to tackle the imposing and often awkward task of explaining sex to teenagers. Recent studies from the Sex Information and Education Council of Canada show that most students get sexual health information at school, indicating a need for serious and comprehensive presentations in the classroom.

The government has distributed a booklet of tips on how to integrate sex education into regular classes to help teachers and administrators deal with the new reforms. Although the booklet is now in staff rooms across the province, current labour disruptions may delay implementation of the new curriculum.

"Labour disputes with the government have meant that teachers are in boycott of the training sessions on educational reforms," said Linda Henderson of the English Montréal School Board.

But despite the delays, Henderson said she supports the curriculum reforms.

"While some teachers are uncomfortable teaching these subjects, the reforms are still a good idea [because] they normalize sexuality and make it present in all subjects."

Philip Zwicker, the McGill Daily

### MCGILL ADMIN TURNS AWAY MUSLIM STUDENTS DELIVERING COMPLAINTS

MONTREAL (CUP)—Over 150 Muslim students were turned away from McGill Principal Heather Munroe-Blum's office on Friday afternoon as they tried to present her with letters demanding that the administration try to resolve a prayer-space issue with the Muslim Students' Association as soon as possible.

The MSA is upset that McGill isn't

providing them with a new prayer space after evicting them from their previous temporary room earlier this year due to a shortage of office space.

"Through this action, we want to peacefully, but directly, tell the administration that there are many students who are discontent with what's happening," said MSA president Nayef Choudhury. "We want to remind McGill that it is a very diverse community and that is a lot of integrity behind it and this goes against the very fabric of what McGill stands for."

When they reached Munroe-Blum's fifth-floor office, the students were told the principal was in a meeting and to leave their letters with the front desk.

Upon realizing the students wanted to present their letters to the Munroe-Blum or her secretary individually, the office administrators shut the door and sent the principal's chief of staff, Patrick Gutteridge, to collect the letters.

Students were outraged over what they perceived as neglect and contempt from the administration.

"I was hoping to actually give [the letter] to at least the secretary," said third-year student Ayesha Khan. "We weren't even allowed on the floor. Our opinions aren't valued. They have [a Task Force on Student Life and Learning] to ask our opinion, but we weren't allowed on the floor, forget seeing her secretary," she added.

Gutteridge responded to upset students by stating that the principal was in a meeting and that if students wanted to address her, they would need to call beforehand. He added that the administration had met with the MSA in the past and would respond as soon as it could.

"I have a busy day, lots of people have busy days," Gutteridge told the crowd. "People are making their views known by dropping off letters and they will be responded to as soon as we can."

Later on Friday afternoon, Munroe-Blum made a speech at the inauguration of the Arts Legacy Program, stressing the importance of diversity at McGill and the importance of its students.

"I have met with [the MSA] many times," she said. "Our principles and goals with respect to this issue have been communicated to them and the University community in numerous different formats. I stick by those principles."

Jesse Rosenfeld, the McGill Daily

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## Mulroney's ego, pottymouth, not breaking news

HAVE YOU HEARD? Former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney thinks that he will go down in history as Canada's most successful leader since John A. Macdonald.

When the *Globe and Mail* broke the story on Monday, the bulk of it consisted of a series of Mulroney quotes, scattered across the better part of the front page, and containing—gasp!—profanity. In fact, it wasn't really a story at all, but instead a compilation of aggressive remarks put into the context of their time and setting.

In 1984, Mulroney enlisted Peter C. Newman to write a book about his tenure as PM, stipulating that it would be written after he stepped down as leader, and a series of official interviews were subsequently set up. However, Newman, being a friend of Mulroney's, was privy to certain off-hand comments and conversations that were meant to stay private. Newman used his friendship to dig deeper, and kept the tape recorder rolling during their informal social encounters, resulting in a book filled with dirt dating back to the mid-'80s.

Most of what Mulroney complains about is fairly obvious, and are the kinds of things I would expect a PM to whine about in private, or even publicly. He didn't like Pierre Trudeau? It's not really surprising, seeing as they were about as diametrically opposed on the political spectrum as any two PMs could be. He was bitter that the Meech Lake Accord fell through? Yeah, he wanted to make it happen, and certain people made sure it didn't. He hated the press? Well, when someone isn't on your side, it's easy to dislike them. It's also mentioned in the book that Mulroney criticized Kim Campbell's campaign, calling it "incompetent." But, wasn't it? I was eight years old in 1993, and even then I could recognize that running a campaign against Chrétien, based not on his flawed agenda, but on his funny way of talking, was pretty weak.

What strikes me as odd is that the *Edmonton Sun*, a publication just a step up from a supermarket tabloid and barely able to recognize serious news, was the only daily newspaper distributed in Edmonton (besides *Dose*, which doesn't really count) that saw the story for what it was: an over-sensationalized book review better left for the likes of page eleven.

Mulroney may be a bit of a prick, but most politicians are. Politics is a field where basking in the glory of your own self-importance, day after day, is a required trait in order to maintain power. But then there's the swearing thing. Is it all right that politicians swear? Personally, I expect that any person who is prominent in the media will have a different public face than the one they present during casual engagement. In fact, I'm not shocked to hear that Mulroney has uttered the word "fuck"—more than anything, I'm pleased. In 98 interviews over a dozen years, Mulroney may be a bit of a prick, but most politicians are. Politics is a field where basking in the glory of your own self-importance, day after day, is a required trait in order to maintain power. But then there's the swearing thing. Is it all right that politicians swear? Personally, I expect that any person who is prominent in the media will have a different public face than the one they present during casual engagement. In fact, I'm not shocked to hear that Mulroney has uttered the word "fuck"—more than anything, I'm pleased. In 98 interviews over a dozen years, Mulroney may be a bit of a prick, but most politicians are.

The Canadian media's over-dramatized account of the book is a reflection of poor and biased journalism. Maybe Canadian journalists have decided to imitate American-style news coverage, and simply accepted old quotes from the '80s, and a former PM's profane and egocentric persona, as breaking news. Thanks for letting me know, but there are more serious issues to be covered.

CHLOE FEDRIO  
Deputy News Editor

## Horse and buggy the way to travel

GIVEN THE INCREDIBLE RISE in the price of gas over the past year, I can't help but feel that the Amish had it right all along. With oats selling on the market for a paltry \$1.5005 per bushel, and a horse eating a mere bushel every three to four days, the financial advantage is obvious. The University, as a forward-thinking institution, should really consider building some stables.

TIM PEPPIN  
Opinion Editor



## LETTERS

### Amanda Ash entirely off with Moistboyz CD review

Not that I'm eager to make fun of someone else's hard work, but I must stand guard for the Moistboyz, with the release of *Moistboyz IV* this month, still prove to be one of the most ridiculous, hilarious and lovingly retarded metal bands going, especially with songs like "I Don't Give a Fuck Where the Eagle Flies" ("Moistboyz," 13 September). And having the blood of Ween flowing through them, all seriousness is moot in the first place.

Given this, the trouble with Amanda Ash's review of *Moistboyz I & II* is that, despite its name, she seems to not realize she's reviewing the band's earliest work from ages ago— a compilation of their first couple of albums. Calling the band cute or wet behind the ears because they sound amateur, not being able to currently compare with the big boys (I'm paraphrasing), misses the point of this disc and also misrepresents its context in time and intention!

But let's not be too hard on Ms. Ash. I once interviewed King Kong after he'd been dead for several years, and I still hire Slavic immigrants to do my work in the weeks. But: *Moistboyz* rule! They are sexist swine, mind you.

FISH GRIWKOWSKY  
Arts XXXIV

### Replacement of Virtua Tennis by Golden Tee in SUB a travesty

SUB, you are killing me here. I entered my third year of university with one goal in mind. It was not the perfect GPA or the CS gold medal that I so desired. No, my goal was

much simpler: to pass the greatest video game ever made: that's right, SUB's very own *Virtua Tennis*. I had tried and failed in the past; loonies were spent and hours were devoted to the cause. I was slowly approaching that ultimate glory of hoisting the VT trophy and joining the ranks of the VT Champions. This was to be my year. I was as ready as ever and eager to get a jump on the season. With loonie in hand I gazed towards that beloved nook in SUB that had harboured me in the past, my sanctuary, but the ultimate horror struck back at me—Golden Tee.

Now, nothing against Golden Tee, but there is a very good reason why this game is only found in bars—it's only marginally interesting even when inebriated. VT, on the other hand, is in a league of its own. There was no better way to spend an afternoon and a few loonies than in SUB, in front of VT, in awe of a Yegyngy Kafelnikov backhand or some net play from Tim Henman. A very disappointing move on SUB's part, and a great loss to the student body. What can I look forward to now? Friends? Better grades? Nothing will compare to the overwhelming sense of pride I would have undoubtedly felt once I finally passed VT.

SEAN MACDONALD  
Arts III

### Paul Owen's SIAST article completely neglects "taco in a bag"

With this article ("Life could be worse—you could be at SIAST," 13 September), you missed the one good thing about *Moose Jaw*. We have this thing called "Taco in a Bag." If there is one thing worth being in *Moose Juice*, for it's "Taco in a Bag."

Doesn't sound that good, but it's heaven in a bag. Think of all those times after the bar, or after all those things, when you just craved the perfect food. Now, in Edmonton

what do you guys eat over there? Hm, a donair. Well, a Taco in a Bag would make a donair a crusty piece of shit on a stick. Dis *Moose Jaw*—I don't care—as long as I get my Taco in a Bag and don't have to go back to the house with Donny that night.

P.S. the girls don't look like Moose.

And if you want to know what a Taco in a Bag is, ask anyone in *Moose Jaw*, cause everyone has had one—it's that good.

BRENDAN DAVIDOWICH  
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

### Litter, not garbage, creates a huge financial burden

Regarding Tim Peppin's piece on litter ("Garbage in Edmonton a problem—help clean up," 8 September), I learned about the price of litter in Toronto at the Ontario Recycling Council's annual conference. There may be an equivalent factoid for Edmonton.

When I was a kid, Woody the Owl visited my elementary school and taught us to "give a hoot, don't pollute." He didn't mean we shouldn't emit n-nitro-benzanthrone or particulate matter in the <2.5 micron fraction, but rather we shouldn't litter. Woody's lesson was reinforced by my parents when they entered our whole family in a litter clean-up contest at Cypress Hills Provincial Park one summer. In addition to the overall contest, we had sub-competitions: Dad and Donna-lee against Mom and me. Not knowing that the contest was being judged by weight, and moreover that brick that Mom and I saw really wasn't litter, we left it in place, only to discover at the weigh-in that Dad and Donna-lee had picked it up, thus winning the contest.

With this enculturation, I picked up litter rather gladly as a child, but stopped upon entering junior high

school. The two girls who yelled "garbage-picker" at me across the field had a rather lasting effect. Today, I might pick up a piece or two while waiting at a bus stop, if there is no one else waiting there, and there is a trash can within four feet.

According to Geoff Rathbone of the City of Toronto, litter is distinguishable from garbage. Garbage is the refuse that comes out of your house and is set at your curbside for pick-up. Litter is the stuff that is deposited in public trash cans on the street, or blows around on the ground. Litter is composed of five major fractions: printed matter (free newspapers), fast food packaging, beverage containers, confectiary, and tobacco waste (including butts). Further, the stuff on the ground is litter, and the stuff in public trash cans is called potential litter.

Of all litter, potential litter makes up 60 per cent of the whole; on-the-ground litter is 40 per cent.

Here's the kicker—of the \$20 million a year Toronto spends on litter management, 90 per cent of it is spent to collect the 40 per cent which is on the ground. That's \$18,000,000 to pick up what people have dropped on the ground instead of carrying another block to put in a trash can.

MYLES KITAGAWA  
Arts alumnus

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# Only idiots surprised by findings of yet another report on childhood obesity



DEREK  
GREBSKI

This just in: CTV news reports that children who buy lunch at school are roughly 40 per cent more likely to be overweight in comparison to those who bring food from home. This study, conducted by the good people at the Canadian Institute for Health Information, and surprisingly not funded by tax dollars, analyzed more than 4000 grade five students in Nova Scotia to arrive at this completely unexpected conclusion.

Now, by completely unexpected, I of course mean completely expected. If there is a multicellular organism anywhere on this planet that doesn't understand the causes of childhood obesity by this point, it's only because that organism is dead. Or under the sea. Or maybe in a cave somewhere. Or in Regina.

The recent upswing in hilariously fat children has been documented and studied by every possible organization outside of the League of Retired Sea Captains, all of which wind up at the same startling conclusion: kids eat the wrong foods and don't get enough

physical exercise. Can you believe it? Next thing you know, scientists will reveal the secret that drowning can be prevented by not inhaling water. You heard it here first.

Honestly, has no one, anywhere, noticed the relationship between increasingly fat kids and the upswing in double-income households, where mom or dad isn't necessarily around to make sure that Jimmy or Sally has a decent lunch? Or that a combination of video games, the Internet and 700 channels of digital cable means that one never has to leave the widening ass-groove in the couch to stay entertained for weeks at a time?

This particular study takes the stupidity one step further by blowing the lid off the lack of nutrition in school food. That's right, boys and girls, that Extreme Cheeeez Sticks vending machine you remember from the halcyon days of your youth in grade school was probably not chock full of what it takes to grow healthy children. I recall from my own younger days that the school I attended chose to sell fruit and other healthy choices in addition to the typical crap we've all seen. Based upon what I saw, those same items are probably still sitting there, slowly turning into precious petroleum.

Unsupervised kids with money will never, ever seek healthy alternatives, nor will they ever pay attention to the amount of exercise they receive.

The ridiculous costs of housing, gas and insurance mean that both parents have to work like idiots to keep a roof over Junior's head, so the era of the stay-at-home parent is generally cold in its grave. Put those two things together, and you've got a recipe for twelve year-old kids wearing size-40 pants.

If I was smart at all, which I'm not, I would have secured a government grant to write this article, because despite the brutal obviousness of these things, beards far and wide are stroked in search of why children are shaped like bowling pins these days. It's ridiculous. Even more ridiculous than, say, placing anti-Semitic comments in someone else's opinion article.

I am as much a fan of technology as the next jerk, but it takes a real politician to neglect the fact that instant entertainment isn't exactly a harbinger of good physical health, particularly in those too young to have any foresight.

Yet, by the time you read this, someone, somewhere will have been granted another round of funding to hunt for the cause of childhood obesity. In a few weeks or months, a stern-looking representative from some meaningless institution will proudly announce that obesity in children has been linked to excess dietary sugar. Then, idiots worldwide will nod in astonishment, while the rest of us roll our bloodshot eyes.

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# Good News is what makes Christians preach



ANDREW  
TEAL

Many people may not have noticed, but Billy Graham continued a long tradition of televised evangelistic outreaches on Saturday. It's understandable if you missed it—there are a plethora of more interesting things to do on a Saturday afternoon than listen to an 86-year-old man try to persuade you that you need to commit yourself to a faith that many people see as less than credible.

It's not hard to understand this viewpoint, given the track record of notable Christian leaders for things like making public comments calling for the assassination of foreign leaders or misappropriating funds given by the elderly and lonely. It's also understandable to question why it seems like such a large part of the Christian faith to emphasize converting people. This is a question that I find myself wrestling with more and more, and unfortunately the conclusions I have come to are far from straightforward or complete. Like any group motivation, the reasons for the push to proselytize are complex.

Some of the reasons for the insatiable Christian need to encourage people to accept their worldview are actually quite admirable. This may sound bizarre to many people, but maybe I can convince you with an analogy. Imagine you honestly believed that you had found that chewing gum could cure cancer. To most people this would seem like an absolutely absurd conclusion, but the majority would understand why you had a burning need to tell anyone who would listen. As strange as it may seem, this is exactly the position that the Christian community is in. If their belief that Jesus was

a liberator of the spiritually oppressed and saviour of the lost is true, then it's easy to see from where this burning need comes.

The vast majority of Christians have a sincere desire to simply share a worldview that has greatly improved their lives, and they wish to see people realize the same life-changing transformation that they have experienced. A noble sentiment, even if you may disagree with the claim on which it is based. But, as the saying goes, the road to hell is paved with good intentions.

For some reason, being a part of a group inevitably brings out the worst in people. Sociologists often refer to this phenomenon as groupthink, and unless you're in the army, it's generally a bad thing. One of the symptoms of groupthink is the tendency towards an "us and them" mentality. Rather than seeing people outside the Christian community as people who have come to different conclusions, the leaders in Christianity have a tendency to try to create enemies by fabricating a common adversary. A message of liberation and salvation becomes an accusation of judgment and condemnation, regrettably very effective in maintaining a controllable community.



I was flipping through the channels on Tuesday night and came across a news taster on the local Fox channel: "Hurricane Ophelia is set to strike the East Coast. Find out where tonight!"

I'm not completely brain-dead, and I know that tasters like this are designed to draw people in to watch the news broadcast, but this is going too far. "Details at eleven" is fine and fair for the latest municipal corruption scandal or for the latest all-so-important celebrity trial—but this is

In writing this article I had two objectives: one was to help people outside the Christian community understand why we are so damn annoying, always talking about Jesus; the other is to share my conclusion with other Christian students as to part of the reason why we can be so damn annoying. If we want people to seriously consider our message, then we need to remember that the message is not supposed to be about narrow-minded condemnation, but about liberation.

Unfortunately, the actions of some of the leaders of our community have seriously jeopardized our credibility. I strongly believe that the solution needs to start with the individuals in the pews—the people who will never stand behind the pulpit. When pastors or authors try and create an "us and them" mentality, don't just go along with it. Insist on responsible exploration of our faith in the teaching that is given in church and through popular books. There is huge potential for improvement in this area, but I strongly believe that it needs to be a grassroots movement. Leave it up to you to decide whether you agree or not, but I urge you to give some thought to how each of us can be part of the solution.

a fucking hurricane. There is no reason that you can't just tell people the god-damned thing is going to hit North Carolina. It's not like you're losing anything, as it's a pretty good bet that people will tune in to hear more about it anyway. That way you won't have to come off as giant pricks.

Luckily, details might be at eleven, but we can go ahead with a good beating right now. Instantaneous and satisfying.

SCOTT LILWALL

The Burlap Sack is a semi-regular feature where a person or group who needs to be put in a sack and beaten is ridiculed in print.

## Fuck proudly, friends: fuck loudly



DAVID  
BERRY

least some point in the general process. I mean, if I ever get to have sex with somebody who's conscious, I'm fairly certain there will be at least a bit of grunting, if not some screams of pain, or a "No, you're doing it wrong!" here or there. It just seems like there ought to be.

But no: these two barely utter a peep. Which makes me feel a little guilty. I assume, of course, that they're dancing this mime-esque tango of love because they believe the people who share the building with them would find it somewhat uncouth to hear "I want to shoot it all over you!" in a gruff, muck-soaked voice at 1am on a Tuesday. This makes me a party to what I can only assume is fairly unsatisfying sex, and I want absolutely no part in it—I spend enough time and effort leaving my own sexual partners unsatisfied, thank you very much, and I'll be damned if I'm going to start spreading the un-love like some sort of viral spore.

So, to my neighbours, and to all of you, I say this: get out there and make some loud god-damned love. I mean, back when you lived with your parents, it was understandable why you'd want to keep it down; no one wants to be yelling, "Who's your daddy?" while your actual daddy is sitting in the other room watching Law & Order and wondering why his daughter left her bra in the living room.

But in the adult world, people should expect—may, welcome—the occasional erotic moan, the sound of testes slapping against thighs, the foundation-shaking scream of the satisfied lover. They should cherish it a little as proof that, despite all the pain, and despair, and misery in the world, there is still love, still someone out there willing to try a little spanking once in a while, or tell their lover exactly where and how hard they want "it" put. It's a beautiful thing, and it should be shared with all mankind.

And, I mean, besides that, do you have any idea how hard it is to masturbate with that unending fucking creaking? If you're going to disturb my "me" time, you might at least contribute a little something. Otherwise, it's just plain inconsiderate.

It comes in the night. Actually, it comes in the afternoon, too. And once, it came on Saturday morning. It is the haunting, incessant creaking sound that emanates from my neighbour's place.

Now, this is no normal creaking sound. It is a continuous—for a little while, anyway—steady, unrelenting, focused creaking sound. It is usually accompanied by the sound of solid wood bumping up against the bedroom wall that we share. It is the sound of passion, of our true purpose; it is the sound an old bed makes when two people are having sex on it, probably in the missionary position.

To be clear here, the sound itself isn't really so much of a problem. Living in an apartment building, which is more or less a shared space, I'm perfectly fine with odd noises coming from my neighbour's places, even noises I'd normally expect to have to pay to hear. No, the creaking is fine. The problem is that nothing else ever accompanies the creaking.

See, it's quite obvious that there is sex going on. Very steady, almost rhythmic sex; the type of sex you could probably use as a metronome, if I could fit a baby grand into my bachelor suite. But, besides the bed and its enchanting creak/thump thing, there are no other audible signs of sex. There is no moaning, there is no sighing, there are no sweet nothings being yelled into ears, and there certainly aren't any orgasm-induced guttural screams being produced. These people, my neighbours, are having some seriously quiet sex. And that bothers me.

Now, look, I'm by no means an authority on how one should be having sex, but I do know that, generally speaking, one can expect some noise—some louder-than-average noise—at

## New NEP not a solution to high oil prices



PATRICK  
ROSS

In recent months, if one common issue has been objectionable to Canadian consumers, it's been gasoline prices. In many places in Canada, gas prices reached record highs this summer, bringing to minds older than mine memories of the OPEC crisis of the 1970s.

So, it's nice to see that Paul Martin finally stood up this past week and promised to actually do something about gas prices. After all, the tendency of fuel prices to spike quickly with the price of oil, and then to take longer to drop has long (and rightfully) been a source of frustration for Canadian consumers.

However, there is one thing that Paul Martin has clearly invoked in the minds of many: that dark chapter of Canadian history related to Pierre Trudeau's National Energy Program.

There are many federal Liberal apologists out there who like to insist that the NEP was a good program, instituted at a bad time. They point to the NEP as a policy that was intended to protect Canadian consumers, increase the level of Canadian ownership in the oil patch, and produce more revenue for the Canadian government. Moreover, they claim that the NEP was not to blame for the recession that hit the Alberta oil patch, and that oil producers were, in fact, victims of economics.

While the "cash grab" aspect of this argument certainly holds true in many respects, the rest of it is clearly bullshit.

There are many things about the NEP that these people don't want you to know about and themselves feel more than free to ignore. For example, those who defend the NEP can't explain how the NEP protected Canadian consumers from skyrocketing oil prices when the majority of oil used in the country at the time was imported,

and bought at the price set internationally. Those who defend the NEP can't explain why the federal government stopped issuing export permits to the Alberta oil patch—an industry dependent upon export due to the lack of facilities necessary to make transporting oil to Eastern Canadian markets profitable and viable—while at the same time subsidizing the purchase of lower-grade Mexican crude oil. These people also cannot explain why the Alberta oil patch was primarily financed by foreign (mostly American) capital in the first place; that reason being the disinterest of Central Canadian investors—at least until the oil patch became incredibly profitable. Go figure.

One could link defence of the NEP to an attitude prevalent among many so-called "liberals"—the tendency to view oil companies (more properly considered energy companies) as "evil corporations" that can be attacked with impunity. After all, they are allegedly evil corporations, voraciously raping the Earth for the oil they peddle, while greedily raping the pockets of consumers for ever higher profits.

And then, of course, there is the government of Martin himself. One of the simplest solutions to alleviating fuel costs for Canadians would have been to at least temporarily have discounted fuel taxes at the pumps. Federal Finance Minister Ralph Goodale insisted this would cause billions of dollars in lost revenue. Perhaps Goodale conveniently forgot that Federal royalties from oil sales are taken as a percentage, and in light of the near \$70 per barrel oil prices, this "lost revenue" would thereby have actually been recuperated.

If Paul Martin's mystery solution to fuel prices is another National Energy Program, he needs to reconsider. The memory of the original NEP (an acronym eerily identical to Joseph Stalin's New Economic Program) is still strong in Alberta, and taking another kick at that cat will only exacerbate a growing separatist sentiment within Alberta. And while fuel prices continue to place a visible strain on Canadian consumers—especially low-income consumers—we've already seen that attacking the energy industry with a new NEP won't solve this problem.

In fact, it could make other things a lot worse.

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# Alberta should be using oil revenues to increase its political influence



ROSS  
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With our provincial surplus likely to top \$2 billion, and oil edging ever closer to \$70 a barrel, the whippersnappers from other provinces about the unequal distribution of wealth in the confederation are growing ever louder. While the other economic engine of Canada, Ontario, regularly shrugs off these discontented rumbles when its economy is running full tilt, it seems to me that Alberta lacks that fortitude and strength of character.

If Albertans sense even the slightest discontent from elsewhere in the nation about their province's swollen coffers, Alberta's government and its sedate residents go running for the tinfoil hats and rifles, filled with horror over the prospect of the National Energy Program arising from the graveyard of Canadian politics to pillage and enslave the province.

This attitude would be understandable if a Trudeau equivalent had returned to inhabit 24 Sussex Drive, or if the federal government had taken to musing about raiding the coffers of the rich province to support the poor. However, none of this has transpired, and Albertans are once again appearing to be the Beverly Hillsbillies of confederation—jokers lucky enough to stumble upon an unimaginable source of wealth, but not refined enough to fit in with our neighbours.

Yet, while the real Beverly Hillsbillies knew and were able to accept that



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**BRRAWWWRR!!** Logically speaking, of course, Alberta's vast oil deposits should be the property of birds, the extant descendants of the dinosaurs.

blind luck was at the root of their good fortune, and that they should share their resources and be charitable to those around, Albertans, it seems, aren't that intelligent. Our selective collective memory has bred into us a sense of privilege and has made us believe that reaping the benefits of the oil buried in the bedrock is part of our birthright. A right which is ours alone from which to benefit and prosper.

While this little fiction is convenient and befitting of Albertans' conceited opinion of themselves, it ignores the fact that our standing in confederation

could be swapped with that of Saskatchewan, if only the dinosaurs had died of boredom somewhere around Regina. Though it's an entirely sobering and logical supposition, most of the province—giddy from petroleum profits—is completely ignorant of it.

Though the federal government seems to have no inclination to institute a son-of-NEP to seize a slice of oil revenues, Alberta could only profit politically if it offered a fraction of the profits on its own. That would cultivate stronger political ties to the rest

of the country, diminish the sense of western alienation and potentially provide Alberta the clout it has long desired on national decisions.

Sadly, it would take leadership on the provincial level with both intelligence and foresight to use the advantage provided by our rich resources, something sorely lacking at the moment. That means the province will have to be comforted by the thought that even if Paul Martin exhibited any resolve—a laughable idea on its own—an updated version of the NEP may no longer even be legal. This is a result

of the patriation of the constitution and the addition of the notwithstanding clause—a gift for which Albertans ironically have Trudeau to thank.

After marking a century as a province, Albertans need to drop the insecurity and paranoia that overwhelms them every time another part of the country jealously eyes their overflowing coffers. For, when the barrels are dry, holding onto memories of being a "have" province won't help the province as it relies on the begrudging handouts from the rest of the nation to survive.



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## Prosperity Bonuses ideal solution to excess oil revenue, need for Xboxes



DANIEL  
KASZOR

While I was scanning the front page of Tuesday's *Edmonton Journal*, after having a mildly sad moment seeing that my favourite hockey player had decided to hang up his skates, I noticed a story saying that Ralph Klein wanted to give me money. Now, this confused me somewhat, because I was under the impression that the government didn't normally give out lump-sum strings-attached sums of money to the voting populace unless there's, you know, an election and it's, you know, a bribe.

But there it was, announced right next to Moose's good-bye: the Klein government wants to give me what the *Journal's* Graham Thompson guestimates will amount to about \$300.

And you know what? Despite my initial reluctance, based mostly on instinctual distrust of the PC government and the sheer inelegance of the plan, I think I might give these "Prosperity Bonuses" a chance, because I honestly can't think of a better way to dole out the money.

Now I'm sure that last sentence caused screams of anger from both the campus New Democrats and ASA hopefuls alike, but really, it makes sense.

Sure, one could make the argument that there are plenty of areas the money could go instead of the pocket of the average consumer. Healthcare and education (particularly the postsecondary type) come to mind as obvious places, but it should be pointed out that there is nothing precluding the money from being spent on those things.

If you imagine the predicted surplus as if it was all housed in some type of Uncle Scrooge-

style money bin, I'm sure the bin would scrape the heavens, like a giant zigzag built to expound our glorious oil power.

To put it simply, the approximately \$6 billion predicted surplus is a lot of money. Klein has pointed out that only a small fraction of it will be spent on the "Prosperity Bonuses." In fact, most of the surplus (probably about 80 per cent) will be spent on new spending and investments.

Quite honestly, although the price of oil probably won't go down significantly in the near future, budgeting for what the exact price a barrel of crude will be going for in six months can't be done with precision. The budget needs some flex room. It needs to be something that can be scaled up or down based on the whims of the market. Something like, say, an unexpected cheque sent to each Alberta citizen.

Also, it can be argued that instead of giving out "Prosperity Bonuses," the government should simply be lowering taxes by the same amount. But that ignores where the "Prosperity" is coming from: oil revenues. The poorest Albertan citizen should be able to pick up their portion of Alberta's boon as much as the richest.

As well, lowering taxes implies that the current economic trends will stay stable, something which I'm not sure will be the case.

Now don't get me wrong: I'm not saying that I think this is a perfect solution. If the payments start getting larger enough, they will be taking away from other services. It only works if people don't get to expect the money, and I don't think I'll like the whooshing sound my "Prosperity Bonus" and healthcare premium cheques will make as they pass by each other. However, I think it's the best solution to deal with the upcoming massive budget surplus. Anything else would certainly cause some sort of '90s-esque consternation when the economy finally turned less rosy.

Then again, maybe I'm just trying to rationalize the government buying me an Xbox 360.

## Life is better as a Beyblade warrior



TYSON  
DURS

but we'll just assume that you paid a buck for it and therefore want more bang.

Let's see ... okay, this'll do. My damsel even remarked that I was the first "Tyson" that she had met in person.

"Really?" I asked my beautiful wench. "Yeah," she replied. I felt special. But I didn't know what to make of the dialogue that was coming out of the TV while my fair lass and her friend were laughing at me. It was both flattering and fucking creepy at the same time.

... So just to be on the safe side,  
I'm going to legally change my  
name to "Astro Boy."

"I will defeat you, Tyson!"

"Never! I have achieved a level-seven Beyblade power move that will defeat you for good! Ha!"

"Ah! This is a Beyblade champion! Tyson has used his special Beyblade chi-force power move! How can this be countered? Oh! His opponent has been defeated. Tyson has emerged victorious and defended his Beyblade title and his honour! Ah-ha!"

Now mix this dialogue with anime characters jumping around with crazy speed motion lines and throwing out their Beyblades—which are these flashy spinning top things—and you've basically got my surreal viewing experience.

Ultimately, I decided to embrace my cartoon self. I mean, I looked kinda big, actually, with my backwards hat, biker gloves and red vest, not to mention the fact that I'm the Beyblade champion. I realized that if I became an old man who doesn't end up accomplishing anything (oh fuck, who am I kidding? I am an old man who hasn't accomplished anything), at least I'll have been immortalized in the world of anime cartoons.

On the other hand, Beyblade might only be a current fad, and easily forgotten, so just to be on the safe side, I'm going to legally change my name to "Astro Boy."

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# SPORTS

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## Bears football after third-straight win

ROSS PRUSAKOWSKI  
Sports Staff

Until recently, the thought of the Bears football team getting three weeks deep into a season with a perfect record was as foreign as the idea of free tuition. What a difference a few years can make. As the Bears (2-0) get set to roll into Regina to face the University of Regina Rams (1-1), they're looking to open up a season with three straight victories for the second consecutive year.

However, it will take a more consistent effort from Alberta than what they've displayed in their previous two games for them to waltz out of Taylor Field with a victory this weekend. As strong as the defence has been, holding opponents to a total of 38 points on the season thus far, the offence has struggled at times, requiring a handful of big plays and relying on the running backs to put points on the board.

**"[The problem with the passing game] is just a timing thing, and I'm thinking that with Daryl working together with his receivers, it will improve."**

JERRY FRIESEN  
GOLDEN BEARS HEAD COACH

"A balanced attack and consistency, those are the two things that we've got to execute better on, in all phases," said Bears head coach Jerry Friesen. "Whether it's catching the ball, blocking for the running backs or catching the ball to turn interceptions, that's fundamental football, and we have to get better at that and bring it to Regina."

One area of Alberta's game that already looks like it's in midseason form is the running game, which ranks first in Canada West and has scored four of Alberta's ten touchdowns. The potent ground game also boasts two players in the top-15 nationally, including running back Jarred Winkel,



**THIRD TIME'S A CHARM** The Bears football team knows they can do it defensively and on the ground, but their passing game is yet to fall into sync. JACOB EDENLOFF

a two-time all-Canadian who is still recovering from an off-season surgery that has limited him to a bench role in the Bears' first two games.

The disproportionate offensive load carried by the ground game so far this season isn't worrying Friesen, though, as he feels it will just be a matter of time before quarterback Darryl Salmon returns to his all-star form.

"[The problem with the passing game] is just a timing thing, and I'm thinking with Daryl work-

ing together with his receivers, it will improve," said Friesen. "I'm not sure that it's a concern right now with the running game that we've got, and as our running game just keeps improving, our passing game will improve because teams will have to focus on stopping the run, which will open up opportunities for our passing game."

The Rams, however, have had no problems with their air attack, as they are leading the conference in that category, propelled to the top by

quarterback Teale Orban, last week's Canada West Offensive Player of the Week. Orban will be a player the Bears know they'll have to focus on this weekend in order to capture a victory.

"Regina is a good football team. They've got a good quarterback, and they were beaten badly in their first game, but then won last weekend by just about the same score, which really just proves that there aren't really any games you can look past."

## More bumps in the road for Golden Bears soccer squad

Season-ending injury to lone fifth-year player presents yet another obstacle for head coach Len Vickery's young team



PAUL OWEN  
Sports Staff

An already depleted Golden Bears roster will have to do without one more key player when they take to the pitch this weekend against Calgary and Lethbridge. Len Vickery's squad—which graduated three conference all-stars, Neil Morrow, Jordan Gillespie and Jarin Myskiw, and had three more key players fail to return this season—lost their only fifth-year veteran, as they learned Hilaire Kamdem would be out for the season due to injury.

"Coming in from Cameroon, French is his first language, English his second. He's not counted on in terms of [local] leadership, but he's a leader on the field with his performance. He's a left-sided player, and they're pretty rare, actually," said Vickery. "[At] this stage, given that we've got a relatively young squad, we've lost another three or four to eligibility or other reasons. We're a little bit younger, so it's more of a challenge."

Despite a decimated roster, the younger Bears managed to squeak out a 1-0 win on a partially flooded field in Saskatoon on Sunday, thanks in no small part to Saskatchewan native Mark Korthius' goal in the second half.

"It felt good, it's always good to go home and get the win," said the fourth-year midfielder from Evan Hardy High. "It's my fourth year going to Saskatchewan [to play], and we haven't lost yet. There's always a lot of pressure on me to play well there because I've got my family,

friends and girlfriend there, so it felt good.

"It was really hard for the wingers," he added. "We've got two quick wingers in Daniel Sharp and John Konye, but they did really well with what they had to deal with. We still got a lot of crosses in from the flanks, and we've just got to work on getting more of those and getting some more goals in."

Alberta will now have to carry their momentum over into the game against Calgary on Friday afternoon at 4:15pm at the appropriately named Foote Field.

"Hopefully, we can get our act together, use the one game that we played for real on Sunday to our benefit, and get another good strong performance to our advantage and get a win," said Vickery.

"With Calgary, it's always just direct soccer," Korthius commented. "They're not going to mess about with the ball at the back or anything, they're just going to play it up. We're going to have to deal with a lot from them, and we're going to have to finish our chances if we're going to get as many crosses as we got last game. I'd expect more than just one goal out of us," he said.

Two days later, the Lethbridge Piongrhorns stop in to the Foote for a Calgary matinee at 2:15pm, a game that Vickery admitted has the Bears as favourites.

"Lethbridge faces a few obstacles, not the least of which is location and size of school," he said. "But they do a good job of putting together a competitive team, so they're going to be a challenge for us."

**SOCCER ROCKER** The going continues to get tougher for the Bears' soccer team early in their year FILE PHOTO: MATT BRENNER

# Saints to the rescue

New Orleans Superhero football team may be able to save all of the world's problems with hard-nosed play



CHRIS  
OLEARY

Sports  
Commentary

The long-reaching grasp of the devastation of Hurricane Katrina didn't hit home for me until this past Sunday. The images of the roofs of houses poking out of the flood that Katrina left in her wake, for whatever reason, just didn't faze me the way they should have. The embittered pleas for federal government relief from New Orleans mayor Ray Nagin rolled off of me like hurricane water off of the back of a dead duck, and the headline-grabbing, frank words of Kanye West weren't able to stir up more than a snirk out of me—and I couldn't figure out why.

My answer came from the most unlikely of places. It wasn't until Sunday, when I logged on to ESPN.com, that I realized I couldn't mentally or emotionally process the magnitude of Katrina because I didn't have an out. I needed to be able to survey all of the horrible news that the media was feeding me and know that no matter how bad the situation looked, or how many thousands of water-logged bodies were floating face-down in attics across the city of New Orleans, that someone out there was going to make it all right.

Those people are the New Orleans Saints.

Before I logged on to the ESPN.com site, I thought the Saints were nothing more than 50–60 mere humans who played a simple game that had lost any significance it might have had when Katrina touched down on the Gulf coast area. That's the beauty of their superhero gimmick though: through their superhuman abilities to play the game of football, the New

Orleans Saints are able to ease the burden and life-altering heartache caused by Hurricane Katrina for 150 minutes at a time, once a week until January (180 with the help of their sidekick, cost-efficient advertising).

According to ESPN.com, when the New Orleans Saints play football, they serve as an inspiration to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. This must stem from the fact that a great number of those affected by Katrina now live in the Louisiana Superdome, the former lair of the New Orleans Saints. Clearly, there is some residual superhero power left over in the aptly named Superdome that the thousands of distraught Katrina victims are now using to either make themselves better football players or stave off the villainous typhoid, which is currently setting its sights on the malnourished hurricane victims.

Some people may wonder why, if the New Orleans Saints have superpowers, they only use them to play football. Why wouldn't they, say, reverse the direction of the Earth, like Superman did in *Superman: the Movie*, so that more people could have evacuated the city? Or better yet, why didn't the Saints redirect the hurricane to an unpopulated location, thereby saving not only the citizens of New Orleans, but the city itself? Why do the Saints only use their powers to elude narrow victories over the Carolina Panthers instead of doing something useful, like saving thousands of peoples' lives when horrible natural disasters make their way into town? Perhaps that's a question that only the Saints, or maybe ESPN.com, can answer.

Never the less, the Saints have come marching in to finally bring us all some good news. Thousands may be dead, the city of New Orleans may resemble an underwater level of Super Mario Bros more than anything else right now, but New Orleans is 1–0—thank God for that.



**BACK WITH A VENGEANCE** After a surprisingly low third-place finish at Nationals last year, the Pandas rugby team has started training for their new season, which begins on 21 October in Vancouver at the University of British Columbia.

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# Great CIS moments, according to Gateway sports writers

## Men's and women's basketball, hockey and Bears football top the list of the first thing sports staff talk about



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From classic overtime finishes to heart-breaking losses, the Gateway sports staff has just about seen it all when it comes to university sport in the last few years. With our varsity teams embarking on brand-new seasons that are sure to hold all kinds of unforeseen drama, we took the time to look back and share the most memorable moments we've had while covering the Bears and Pandas.

### Paul Owen

Gavin Fedorak gets much respect for one three-ball that almost single-handedly sent the Golden Bears basketball team to Halifax last year. With about two minutes left in the Canada West Final Four game against Brandon last season, Fedorak salvaged a botched play and turned a loose ball into a game-tying three. It probably would have been my favourite CIS moment, if not for what happened shortly after. With 6.3 seconds left, Brandon hit two free throws to go up 71-69. Mike Melnychuk immediately grabbed the inbound pass, raced up the court, collided with a Brandon player and launched an off-balance two-pointer—that, upon further review, definitely looks like a three (yes, I have the tape; and no, you're not getting it back, O'Leary)—that rattled in to send the game to overtime. Sure, Melnychuk would add ten more points in OT to finish with 25, but my favourite moment will always be Mike, sprawled on the gym floor, watching his shot rise and finally fall, then popping up and raising one finger to the air as he ran down court and the capacity crowd, bolstered by the leftovers from a Bears hockey playoff game, went batshit crazy in the stands.

### Chris O'Leary

On 14 January 2005, I checked out how the other side of the province enjoys the Battle of Alberta on hardwood. While the men's game fell well short of the dramatic finish the two teams gave us a month earlier, the women's game was unlike any other I've seen. The Pandas, who at one point last season were 0-6, were coming off of a shocking sweep over the powerhouse Saskatchewan Huskies, and were enjoying a four-game winning streak. The Dinos were struggling to hold on to their spot in the CIS top-ten rankings, and needed to snuff out the upset Pandas to stay in the playoff picture. The Pandas came at the Dinos with a team effort, but one Dino almost topped the Pandas on her own. Tanya Hautala decided to put her Calgary teammates on her tiny 5'4" frame and carried the Dinos within two points of a victory, racking up 39 points in the process on an array of mid and long-range jumpshots, when she wasn't swiping the ball on the defensive end and making easy layups for herself at the Pandas' expense. "I was one of those games where I felt like everything I put up would go in," she told me after the game.

I stood on the court interviewing her, this girl whose head barely came up to my chest, and I still have no idea how she managed to put 39 points on the Pandas best defenders.

### Ross Prusakowski

While people at other universities—I'm looking at you, Mount Allison—would have to struggle to come up with their greatest CIS sporting moment, since their teams are regularly outscored by Hugh Hefner, fans of Alberta teams have been blessed with a cornucopia of classic moments. However, there is one that I will always value slightly more than all the rest: the transformation of the football Bears from bad news to genuine contenders.

On one early November day in 2003, despite bitter cold, a snow-covered field and the loss of starting quarterback Darryl Salmon, the Bears slipped past the first-ranked, undefeated University of Saskatchewan Huskies. The Huskies, who had ended the previous season as Vanier Cup bridesmaids to Laval, were supposed to have demolished an upstart Alberta program, but it was not to be: the Bears—who had struggled even to make the playoffs after a 500 season—won their first playoff game since 1981.

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PAUL OWEN

years after the game, and having had the opportunity to see the power that the Bears have developed into, the memory of the game is even more poignant. Meaning that for me, regardless of the overtime heroes and comeback victories by others in CIS sport, nothing can top knocking off the Huskies on that frosty Saskatoon afternoon.

### Andrew Renfroe

The 2004/05 athletic season was like a generous uncle to the University of Alberta. Not in a creepy sense, but in that several CIS and Canada West banners were raised to the rafters of Clare Drake Arena and the Main Gym throughout the year. Personally, my favourite moment that cemented U of A's athletic dominance was the Bears volleyball win over the second-ranked Trinity Western Spartans to claim Alberta's first CIS gold medal of the season. The Bears were heavily favoured to win, riding a 19-1 conference record going into the playoffs, but the Spartans put up quite a fight, forcing a fifth and deciding set. Trinity, in the words of Bears head coach Terry Danfuk, played as if they had nothing to lose, but in the end Alberta won the last set by two points. It was arguably the most exciting match of the season and was televised across Canada, which made the moment seem that much more exciting. After the victory, an elated Danfuk said, "I'm just so proud of the way the guys fought," but added, "I'm feeling a little relief that the season is done."

### Jake Troughton

After a season-and-a-half of covering the Pandas hockey team, I'd pretty much gotten used to knowing the results before the games were played. But in CIS women's hockey, it seemed that the reason was to give the Pandas a break from their practices.

That may be an exaggeration, but

with the Pandas heading into the national final last year on a CIS-record (for all sports) 110-game winning streak, a bet on the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks seemed about as reasonable as Krusty the Clown betting all his Clowen Clowen earnings on the Washington Generals.

If only Krusty had been so lucky. Not only did the Hawks win, but from the sounds of the off-and-on internet broadcast I was listening to, they soundly outplayed the mighty Pandas enroute to a 4-1 win. They won battles in the Pandas' zone and got the goaltending performance of the year; reports of assistance from Satan are unconfirmed at this time.

It felt like winning the lottery, except without getting millions of dollars, or actually having anything good happen to you. In fact, I guess I felt more like having 25 people, some of whom you're professionally acquainted with, suffer a competitive disappointment, which isn't really like winning the lottery in any way. But beforehand, I'd have said it was about as likely as winning the lottery, so you can see where I'm coming from with this.

### Robin Collum

My favourite university sports moment is the hockey final at the CIS nationals, played at Rexall Place last March between the Bears and the Saskatchewan Huskies. It was a perfect match-up; the Bears have been Saskatchewan's toughest rival, and it was the Huskies who broke the Bears' longstanding home-ice winning streak last winter. Both teams played as well as I've ever seen them. The Huskies were ahead and it looked like they were going to win it. I'm a Huskies fan, and the tiny section of the stands that we occupied was getting ready to stand up and celebrate. Ben Thomson ruined our fun with 23 seconds left in the game. His goal sent the game into a nail-biting overtime. He scored again to give the Bears the gold medal.

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# Footballer's Lives

A former high-school football player turned Gateway sports writer suits up for the Bears for two days, documenting his experience.

Story by Andrew Renfree  
Photo by Iris Tse

Tuesday, 6 September

It's been about five years since I last donned a football helmet—or shall I say five years since I retired from high-school football. But despite my long absence from the gridiron, I figured I'd be prepared to return valiantly to the game and practice with the Bears football squad. After all, I'd just watched the Labour Day Classic and took careful notes on the finer points of the game; I was ready and eager to suit up.

When I got to Foote Field, the first stop for fellow journalist and aspiring athlete Ross Prusakowski and myself was to get equipment. We were introduced to Rick Thiessen, the equipment manager for the Bears, who proceeded to rummage through the bright yellow helmets to find one that would keep the contents of my brain intact throughout practice. While he was searching for equipment he said, "So, do you have insurance?"

I laughed, thinking it was a joke, but when Thiessen stared at me with a sombre look and proceeded to ask if I had signed some sort of waiver, I began to wonder whether this experience would be as easy as I had originally thought.

With my equipment on, we left for the practice field, where the other players were already warming up. Head coach Jerry Friesen suggested that I practice with the offensive linemen for the first day, either because my physique closely resembles that of an o-lineman, or because Friesen felt this group of players would do the best job at making me regret masquerading as an athlete.

Thiessen offered to drive me on the back of his golf cart to the practice field, because it takes a few minutes to walk there from the equipment room. At first I thought this would be a good way to get there quickly, but when we drove up and he yelled, "New recruit!" to everyone stretching, I was rather embarrassed at getting a ride from the equipment manager. It was sort of like one of those

moments in elementary school when your mother would drop you off right at the door and shout, "Don't forget to eat your apple for lunch!" across the schoolyard with everyone watching.

With my ego slightly bruised, I introduced myself to Ed Kucy, one of the offensive line coaches. Kucy welcomed me, and directed me to the group of o-linemen who were already stretching. After an introduction, I limbered up with the group, and thought that, so far, practice seemed quite leisurely. Shortly after, though, the intensity was kicked up a notch as the linemen started to "hit the sled," a long metallic structure with five foam pads that players hit and push around the field.

After a few minutes, I began to realize that five years of consuming Big Macs and beer has left me in very poor shape to do anything remotely physical. I needed a drink of water badly, but I didn't want to seem like a wuss, so I continued to hit and push the sled, on which Kucy was standing, offering tips on how I should lower my centre of gravity and keep driving with my legs. After pushing the sled we had to hit one bag and then roll towards the next one until we went through all five of them. It seemed simple, but I kept either rolling into the person ahead of me, or going too slow and being rolled over by the player behind me. Despite this, everyone was encouraging, and told me not to give up.

After hitting the sled, the offensive linemen did one-on-one blocking drills. Kucy invited me to participate, but it took me a ridiculous amount of time to get the strap on my helmet done up. Once again I looked like an idiot while holding up practice.

After the one-on-one part of practice, the Bears started a team scrimmage, and I took this opportunity to ask Kucy how practice is normally run. I was amazed at how many hours are devoted off the field to watching film on the upcoming opponents. After hours of analysis by coaches and players, the Bears are able to determine reasonably well what the other team will be executing, and can prepare by practicing for their style of play. The starting Bears of offence goes up against back-up players using the opposing defence and then vice-versa.

After the scrimmage, practice begins to wrap up, and as a team we ran the width of the field about six or eight times,

which wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. Then we split up into groups again and one of the offensive linemen said to me, "By the way, did anyone tell you that the o-line practices longer than anyone else?" This was the second time I thought someone was joking, only to realize that they were serious. The offensive linemen proceeded to a huge truck tire lying at the side of the field. Kucy explained that each person had to flip it over three times, then go to the back of the line and do it again. I remembered seeing this type of thing in a world's strongest man competition, and I thought that some burly man named Magnus would be better suited for this.

I managed to flip the tire six times, with a bit of help and encouragement from Kucy and the other o-linemen. After the tire torture, we had to hold out a fairly heavy sandbag and pull it back and forth several times. About a minute of this was enough to make my arms feel like rubber, but thankfully the drill ceased shortly after.

As I left the field, sore and thirsty, with the other offensive linemen, one of them said to me that practice was much harder after a loss the previous weekend, because the players were so fed up with penalties—in other words, I had it lucky that day; it was at that moment I was quite thankful that the Bears had trounced their opponents the previous weekend.

Wednesday, 7 September

If you've ever been hit by a truck, then you have a sense of what I felt like on Wednesday morning. I looked at my right arm in the mirror and noticed a hand-shaped bruise forming—a souvenir of my efforts the previous day. Wednesday also marked the first day of classes, so I had to listen to professors drone on about their course syllabi, during which I was debating what would better heal my aches and pains: a good massage or a cast.

On the second day of what I realized was torture thinly veiled as journalism, I would be practicing with the defensive linemen. I felt a bit more at home with this crowd, because I played on the d-line in high school, and remembered a bit of what this position required. When I arrived, defensive line coach Marcel Wychniuk said I could practice with the "better side," as he called it, but I would have to tell them a filthy story first. As I thought of moments from parties and camping, one of the other linemen jumped in and told an anecdote about a "friend" of his who dated a girl with a strange Plexiglas fetish—I'll leave it at that.

After gaining a vague understanding of each drill, Prusakowski and I faced off against each other and proceeded to awkwardly bump helmets and pretend that we knew what we were doing. Today we were practicing on the artificial turf at Foote Field, and when I occasionally fell, it cut into my knees, which was a harsh contrast to the soft grass of the previous day. The team then broke off into a scrimmage, and Dr Dan Syrotiuk took more time to explain the nuances of practice and describe exactly what the players did in preparation for the upcoming game.

After the scrimmage, the players had conditioning that was broken up into five activities, all of which increased my embarrassment. Up first was the bear crawl, which, as the name indicates, involves crawling on all fours ten yards and back. The players inform me that this is much less difficult than the crab walk, so I'm thankful that we're not subjected to that. Next were pushups, and I realized that I was able to do four for every 30 the players did. From there, we all had to use a skipping rope for half a minute, and then balance on one leg for another 30 seconds. The final task, which proved the most embarrassing, was a piggyback drill where one player had to carry another for ten yards and back. Prusakowski carried me fine, but when he hopped on my back, we both collapsed to the turf a few times before the whistle blew to signify the end of practice.

As I knelt with the Bears and listened to coach Friesen give his end-of-practice speech, I was reminded of the camaraderie that embodies a football team.

Football is truly a team sport, and to be successful, a team must have all elements working together. The Bears roster of over 70 players is even made up of smaller teams, each of which have different characteristics and roles within the larger team dynamic. Football players are a closely knit group—and they have to be, because if you can't trust the player beside you, the team as a whole will falter.

Only practiced with these athletes for two days, but despite the short duration, I did feel on some level that I was part of the team. It was a feeling that eased my soreness and allowed me to realize, in part, why these athletes put their bodies on the line for three months every fall.







Three years ago, I played for the first time on a U of A basketball court. I ran into someone who, like myself, had played four years of high school ball and considered himself a decent player. We were talking, and he told me that through his first year of university, he frequented the Pavilion and Main Gym during its pickup hours. Eventually the topic of the Bears basketball team came up.

"Some of them come out here sometimes," he told me as he hoisted up shots. "Don't worry about them if you ever play them, though; they're not that good."

Those words have stuck with me through the last two years that I've been covering Bears basketball for the Gateway. I've thought back to what that guy said that day at different times, knowing that he was wrong the more I see of university basketball. I've thought about it a lot more since 8 September, when I walked onto the court of the Main Gym for the Golden Bears open tryout.

I'd heard horror stories of how Bears head coach Don Horwood runs his training camp from players

I'd interviewed in the past. Stories

of vets getting

out because

they couldn't

handle the

running,

out of shape

players who

vomit on the

sidelines.

hopefuls who had played high school ball who want to earn a walk-on spot but inevitably have their hoop dreams shattered. Something about it appealed to me; I wanted to experience it first-hand. I needed to satisfy that little bit of the basketball player that's buried beneath the reality of Gateway life and fourth-year studies. With the real world—and my god—my 30s looming over me, this was my last chance to run with some serious players, and to see exactly how far off the mark I'd fall as a basketball player.

Day one of tryouts starts not unlike every tryout I've ever taken part in—a nervous knot grows in my stomach as I step into the Main Gym. I see some of the players from last year's team and I talk with them about what I'm doing. Throughout the two-day experience, Bears guard Tyson Jones shows his foresight, saying all of the right things from the second he sees me on the court. I tell him what I'm doing and he gets a look of confusion on his face, as though he has no idea why I would do this. He asks me if I've been running; I tell him not a lot. He asks if I've worked on my game; I tell him not as much as I would have liked to. He tells me to have fun. I'm pretty sure he shook his head when I turned away from him.

After a three-man weave drill that exposes my complete lack of speed, we head into my all-time favourite basketball drill: the 3-on-1 continuous, a drill in which there is constantly a full-court, three-on-two fast break. I make a nice left-handed behind-the-back pass on the back end of the drill. Tyson Jones sees it and says, "Make sure that gets in the Gateway." It's like he knows it's the last noteworthy moment I'll have for the day.

We get into a length-of-the-court one-on-one drill. This is where things start to go downhill for me. The first person I have to defend against is last year's starting point guard Gavin Fedorak, who reportedly crosses me over like I'm playing Pinochio to his Capetto. From there, I lose my dribble at least three times to guard James Hudson, who looks bored with my futile struggle to keep the ball away from him. Mercifully, Horwood ends the drill. I look at the clock and I've been in the gym for 25 minutes. I want to throw up.

I did a story on Bears recruit Harvey Bradford back in April. When I saw him at the Bears' ID camp, I thought he looked average; which isn't a bad thing, but for someone who had averaged 28 points and 14 rebounds per game in his senior year of high school in Cranbrook, I thought there would have been more to him. When our paths crossed in the next drill, king's court one-on-one, a quick game of one-on-one where the first person to score four baskets stays on the court, I found out what Harvey's game is all about. He hits three consecutive long-range jumpers on me to open up a wide margin. He then fakes a shot and blows by me for a one-handed dunk. Game. Next.

We head to full-court scrimmaging with less than an hour left. If getting dunked on by Harvey Bradford wasn't enough, I was about to get a lesson from the master. I had but disappeared in the full-court action, when a loose ball popped out of a small scrum and into my hands. The play began to move down-court, and, with the memories of Gavin Fedorak and James Hudson showing me that I have no handle whatsoever, I looked to get the ball up to someone who, well, wasn't me. I look up the court and see Tyson Jones on the wing. With a defender in front of me, I try and throw the ball overtop of him to get to Tyson. I forget that that defender is Bears recruit and human elevator Andrew Parker, who jumps two to three feet in the air and easily steals my outlet pass. He blows past me and plants off of two feet to go up with the ball. In an attempt to save face, I try to go up behind him to knock the ball away, only to completely miss the ball and become the first person Parker dunk on for the day, with an emphatic one-handed slam. I just want day one to be over.

With ten minutes left in the first day of tryouts, Horwood makes three groups of seven people and has us all line up on the court's baseline. We all know what's coming: the suicide drill. He wants us to complete the drill in less than 30 seconds. We're all going to run it three times each, with only the groups ahead of us running giving us any kind of break. I make my first run just in time; my second one I'm about five seconds late. I drop on the floor while the

other groups run, and start to get up to put my last run in. Something doesn't feel right. I stand up and I know that my battle with the clock is over for the day. Unfortunately, my battle with holding in whatever's in my stomach has just begun. I spend the next ten to 15 minutes vomiting in a garbage can on the sidelines. Day one of tryouts ends with Horwood telling the other 20 people in the gym what to expect tomorrow, over the sounds of my dry heaves and not-so-dry heaves into the garbage. Sadly, it was the only bucket I would fill up that day.

Later on, Tyson Jones walks by as I'm sitting on the floor, the garbage can nearby just in case, and offers some final words of wisdom for day one: "It ain't no joke, O'Leary. You tell them, man, it ain't no joke."

It ain't no joke.

Day two of tryouts has a completely different approach to it than day one. Optimism is long gone; saving face is out the window. At this point, all that matters is survival. I hate puking, and I'm determined not to do it again. I eat light throughout the day, just in case. Tryouts start at centre court. Apparently, I'm not the only one who's leery about throwing up, as Horwood makes an "O'Leary puked" joke to start things off. He reminds me that they've got my favourite garbage can in the same spot it was yesterday. If I need it, I try to come up with a witty comeback, but all I can muster up is a mental "You're a garbage can"—needless to say, I keep it to myself.

In the full-court one-on-one drill, it's Andrew Parker and Tyson Jones who beat me up on each end of the floor. When he's tired, Parker lets me beat him a couple of times, and then curses me for added effect. "Damn you, O'Leary, you're too fast." Just to keep my ego in check, he destroys me when I have to guard him.

During the three-on-two continuous drill, I get my under-utilized left-handed layup to go off the glass on a rare drive. As it goes in, I pray to God that Gateway production editor Iris Fe'fame got a shot of it.

We scrimmage a little longer in day two. The highlight of the tryouts comes for me during one game where I hit two long, tough shots over Bears guard Dean Whalen. Just as fast as I felt redemption, however, Whalen ripped it away from me. On the next possession, he came down and matched my three-point shot with a three of his own. Then another. Then a long-range jumper. Then a drive. Then another three-point. Point made. My shot disappears for the rest of the day, and, coincidentally, so do I. My legs are exhausted, I can't run, and I certainly can't defend, as my next three opponents all torch me, doing whatever they want on offence.

I see Horwood talking to players individually as the games progress. When the conversations end, they head to the sidelines, take their bags, untie their shoes and leave the gym. I pat a freshly cut kid on the back on the way out of the gym; why did I think it would be fun to watch people's dreams get shattered?

The running drills hang over me through the scrimmage. The way the day has been set up, we'll still have ten minutes to run before it's over. As we line up to run width-wise drills this time instead of length-wise, I feel my stomach turn. I look around the gym and see my garbage can way off in the corner. I know if I get sick I won't make it in time. I've only got one option: I have to slack in the running drills. The running isn't as hard as the first day, but I'm not taking any chances. Bears assistant coach Cliff Rowen catches me finishing my run a little early, but he keeps quiet; maybe he doesn't want to see me vomit more than once either.

The tryout ends and the guys start heading out of the gym. I talk with Horwood and he says I did alright out there; that I hit a few nice shots. I ask him for an assessment of my game, and after a quick laugh tells me that my defence is weak, my conditioning is bad, but that overall, I did okay.

On my way out of the gym, I talk with Phil Sudol, who tells me that things get a lot more difficult on Monday, when the remaining group gets trimmed down to the twelve or 13 players that will make up the team. I walk out of the gym and head to the Gateway office, where I'll gladly spend the rest of the year, relatively vomit-free.





# Basketball Diaries



After writing about them for the last two seasons, **Chris O'Leary** sees how he measures up on the court against the Golden Bears basketball team.

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## SOCIAL INTERCOURSE



### Saul Williams

with Politic Live and Emcee E  
Friday, 16 September at 8pm  
Powerplant

Most of today's hip-hop stars settle for the rapper/actor designation. But New York's Saul Williams (now living in LA), is no normal MC. First rising to fame as a "slam poet" courtesy of the 1998 Sundance Grand Jury Prize-winning film *Slam*, in which he portrayed a poetry-spitting prisoner, Williams is nothing less than a rapper/poet/actor/activist/probably four other things he hasn't got around to adding to that impressive list already. Matter of fact, he's probably also the only rapper in the world who actually gets some of his writing—albeit only his poetry—discussed and dissected in university programs around the continent.

Now, thanks to the good people down at APIRG, Williams is stopping by for his first-ever trip to Edmonton. After local hip-hoppers Politic Live and Emcee E take the stage, the multi-talented Williams will undoubtedly set the room on fire with his manic, literate, and at times vitriolic flow. A proponent more of truth in his rhymes than positivity, Williams is just as likely to regale the crowd with a poem from one of his three books (a fourth, *Dead Emcee: Scrolls*, comes next February), as his latest single, "List of Demands."

Given Edmonton's hinterland status in the rap world, there's a better-than-good chance that this will be the last time Williams—and, for that matter, anyone of his status in the hip-hop world—will visit our little burg in the next ten years. Only a fool would miss what is undoubtedly the biggest hip-hop show to hit Edmonton in at least a few years.

### North of Nowhere Film Festival 18–20 September Metro Cinema

As part of their 2005 North of Nowhere Expo, the Edmonton Small Press Association (ESPA) is bringing in four different films all dealing with the subject of the media and how true journalism is consistently under attack in the modern world.

First up on the list is *Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism*, director Robert Greenwald's look at how the Aussie billionaire and media magnate has used his cable network, Fox News, to drive television news toward the lowest common denominator. It screens Sunday at 10pm. On Monday, also at 10pm, they will be showing *Move*, a documentary chronicling the MOVE 9—a group of political prisoners in Philadelphia sentenced to 100-year sentences despite a lack of evidence—and the efforts of those around them to find justice. On Tuesday, two movies show: first, at 8:15pm, the short film *Truth Merchants*, about the increasing presence of PR firms in Canadian media. Then, at 9:15, they'll screen *Orwell Rolls in his Grave*, an examination of the American news media and the role they're playing in pushing the U.S. closer to an Orwellian world of doublespeak. All four films are sure to get you questioning the role the media plays in modern life.

DAVID BERRY  
Managing Editor



THAT'S SERIOUSLY ROCK AND ROLL Yet most people see them as "a hokey bluegrass band." The Uncas will be releasing their latest album this Friday. CORY WANLESS

## Uncas boast cowboy appeal

**The Uncas**  
CD release party  
with The Firebrands and The Brenda Vaqueros  
Friday, 16 September at 8pm  
Siderack Café

AMANDA ASH  
Arts & Entertainment Staff

To some women, a cowboy sporting scruffy jeans and a beat-up farmer's hat can be incredibly appealing.

Now, whether it's the rural attire or just the thought of a tough, tanned man glistening with sweat from working out on the range, a cowboy has the uncanny ability to win the hearts of even the most anti-country females out there. And for the boys from The Uncas, the task is no more difficult.

After their performance at the U of A Beer Gardens last week, the guys took a minute to chat about their upcoming CD release show at the Siderack. Amidst the many congratulations from fans—which, one should note, were mostly females—Futch Uncas, the band's lead vocalist and guitar player, was able to keep his cool and talk about their upcoming record.

"The album was kind of like cleaning out our closets," Uncas explains. "We're planning to release a new album next year as well, so we wanted to get a bunch of our older tunes that we've only performed live onto an official album. Also, this is our last show at the Siderack

before it closes, so it's also kind of like a good-bye."

Songs from their new CD, *Drop the Ball*, will be showcased at the Siderack as well as on their upcoming month-and-a-half long national tour. According to Uncas, the album—which epitomizes their all-country style and chatta-hoonchie lyrics—shouldn't be mistaken as a hard-core country recording.

**"This might be good advertising for our show, but usually our shows contain more women ... I don't know if it's because we have good music or if it's the cowboy look or what, but I have talked to a lot of girls that love the cowboy thing."**

FUTCH UNCAS, THE UNCAS

"We have an identity crisis sometimes because we're mostly a rock band, and that's how we think of ourselves," says Uncas. "But because of the influences of growing up out of town and in the big city, we kind of have a bit of that rural Alberta sound. But we don't want people to get

the wrong idea. A lot of people think that we're some hokey bluegrass band, but I think that we rock harder than a lot of bands that call themselves rock bands."

But the band members—Futch, his brother Sook Uncas (guitars, harmonica), John Carpenter (guitars, powertrucks), and Merle Casper (drums)—are not only using the album to headline some rockin' Uncas-style tunes. According to the guys, the album is also being used as a farewell to a recently married bandmate, Ace Wilkinson.

Since the subject of marriage was brought up, the secret to how these cowboys work their magic with the ladies wasn't far behind. After yet another interruption by a female—"I'm sorry," says Uncas, "All of this is going to be on your interview!"—Uncas explained how rural guys just have a knack for reeling in all the gals.

"I've met a lot of girls who really like that look," Uncas laughs. "This might be good advertising for our show, but usually our shows contain more women than men in the audience. I don't know if it's because we have good music or if it's the cowboy look or what, but I have talked to a lot of girls that love the cowboy thing. And I'm not bragging or anything, but if we have 500 people come out to the show, a good three-quarters of them are girls. I don't know what that says about us."

I don't know either, but if you're a group of girls—or a single guy—the place to be this weekend, apparently, is with the Uncas.





## Retrograde's LP a polished product

Vancouver band's sophomore release is the first to truly satisfy rock foursome

### Retrograde

with *Supersede and Murder City Sparrows*  
Saturday, 17 September at 9pm  
Powerplant

MIKE LAROCQUE  
Entertainment Editor

Almost anywhere else in the world, balmy temperatures and ready-to-party youths are all it takes to foster a respectable music scene. While the hot weather, packed beaches and rotating cast of vacationing university-types is what presumably makes Kelowna, British Columbia, a musical hotspot, the boys of Canadian rock outfit Retrograde know all too well the truth about the lakeside vacation spot.

"I can't say that there's much of a music scene in Kelowna," admits singer/guitarist Toby Hulse, who, along with brother/drummer Ben Hulse, guitarist Brendan Stoneman and bassist Mark Lazeski make up the Kelowna-birthing band. "It has a really weak scene—unless you're putting on an all-ages show at a hall, there's not much happening. There is so much potential for that place, there's just not the right people or promoters."

With such a glowing review, it's no surprise that the initial success of Retrograde can be traced back to the band skipping town to Vancouver,

the indie-rock hub for Western Canadian musicians. According to Hulse, moving to the coast was one of the biggest—and best—moves that he and his band have made.

"For sure it was a big step," Hulse admits. "And in a lot of ways it was a natural progression. We'd been down there a few times to perform, so we already knew some bands, and with the scene and industry down there being as it is, we really had to do it."

**"This is the first time that we've actually recorded and finished a product the way we wanted it to happen and have it just the way we wanted it to sound. We're really happy with how it turned out."**

TOBY HULSE, RETROGRADE

What followed was a string of successes for the band. They released their self-titled debut album, played some of Canada's largest festivals and have attracted the attention of multiple record labels. While as of yet unsigned, the band recently struck up a distri-

bution deal with Maple Music and Universal, who, as of this past Tuesday, are making their sophomore album, *This Frequency We Share*, available in record stores across the country. The chance to have their music available outside of the Internet and live shows is a prospect that Hulse is excited about.

"It's a great outlet for us to have our record in stores across Canada," says Hulse. "I mean, [online downloads and live shows] have been great for us, but having fans be able to pick up our record in stores across the country—you can't beat that. It has been a great step for us."

The recording—the band's first full-length since 2001—is something of a novelty. While there has been a significant gap in-between LPs, the album essentially marks the point where Retrograde begins the awkward shuffle from obscure indie act to widely recognized Canadian rock group. While the band may still have a way to go yet, they agree that this album is indeed worthy of being a testament to the band.

"This time around, I think we knew what we wanted to do, what we wanted our record to sound like in the end," says Hulse. "This is the first time that we've actually recorded and finished a product the way we wanted it to happen and have it just the way we wanted it to sound. We're really happy with how it turned out."



**Mem Shannon**  
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TIM PEPPIN  
Opinion Editor

Most people wouldn't think that a musician claiming to be from Phunkville might actually produce some decent tunes—I didn't, that's for sure—but Mem Shannon is clearly the exception. I put the CD into my drive fully expecting to gleefully bludgeon it with comments about the population of Phunkville, and the role of the sheriff in removing riff-raff like Shannon. He spells it *phunk*, for God's sake.

But now, to my chagrin, I'm finding that—while it's not exactly something I'd go out of my way to buy—it's actually not bad. Many of the songs have a rich and robust horn section—a nice change from the four-

piece sound that characterizes most music—and Shannon's own guitar work is skillful and intense. Without a doubt, *I'm From Phunkville* is an album that is geared towards listeners who already have acquired a ear for the blues, but even someone who has only a casual acquaintance with the genre will find this to be a recording filled with emotion.

There are parts of the CD that are irritating—Shannon's voice and lyrics get to be tiresome at times, and the cover of "Eleanor Rigby" makes me cringe—but taken in its entirety, this is a solid album. Apparently, for a blues musician, *Phunkville* is the place to be from.

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**GETTING DOWN WITH METRIC** Emily Haines falls to her knees in Dinwoodie last Sunday night. The Toronto foursome will return to Edmonton in October to promote their new album, *Live It Out*. KRISTINA SULATYCH

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MIKE LAROQUE  
Entertainment Editor

Are you ready for the second coming? If not, the good folks at Divine-Interventions.com have you covered, and as they put it so sacrilegiously, for the third and fourth coming as well.

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With other choices including Moses, the Diving Nun, Jackhammer Jesus, the Devil and Jedis, all your sacrilegious needs can be fulfilled with one visit to this website. For those who not only enjoy the occasional solo session but are looking for something especially bad, Divine-Interventions.com is your one-way ticket to hell.

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THE ARMPIT OF WRESTLING? Lipstick and Dynamite offers a middling look at the changing role of women in the ring.

## Lipstick serves up a scattershot punch

Lipstick and Dynamite flashes back to the original days of women in wrestling. Aside from the sexy outfits, things sure have changed in 70 years

### Lipstick and Dynamite

Directed by Ruth Leitman  
Starring Gladys "Killen" Gillem, The Fabulous Moolah, The Great Mae Young, Ida May Martinez, Penny Banner and Ella Waldeck  
17-19 September at 10pm  
Metro Cinema

ELIZABETH VAIL  
Arts & Entertainment Staff

Lipstick & Dynamite, a film about the beginnings of female wrestling, moves and behaves like a former champion heavyweight who has had to retire after taking a few too many blows to the head. While there is some intellect and adventure to it, it's disorganized, confusing, and at the worst of times, incoherent. There is a great story behind all of this—that of young women who made a living through professional wrestling—but director Ruth Leitman has trouble bringing it all together to form a consistent theme or message.

The documentary about the women who fought during the '30s, '40s, and '50s is put together like a scrapbook, with random point after random point about the sport being brought up: scenes on sports promoter Billy Wolfe, tales of family life after a career in the ring, and one particularly compelling scene where Ella Waldeck defends herself for an incident where her opponent died in the ring. All this while six of the period's greatest female wrestlers put in their two cents.

As scattered as it may be, the amaz-

ing story of these women is reason enough to pay this film some attention. Most of them are grandmothers now, bedecked with gaudy jewellery and heavy make-up, and are as compelling for their apparent faults as they are for the strength that has allowed them to last this long.

**Victims of exploitation, extortion, rape, physical brutality and public scorn, they often slept with their promoters, with other performer's spouses, and, occasionally, with their own husbands.**

The six women who are featured the most prominently are the greatly aged, nearly incoherent Gladys "Killen" Gillem (who boasts about never winning a single match, except against alligators and bears), the ambitious and arrogant Fabulous Moolah (who became a successful promoter afterwards), the Great Mae Young (who, along with friend Moolah, continues to participate in WWE matches!), the cheerful Ida May Martinez, the perpetually abused Penny Banner, and the no-nonsense,

sharp-eyed Ella Waldeck.

These women swear, fight, backstab, and contradict each other—"She picked a great name," says Ida, cattily, about Moolah's moniker. "She was always all about the money"—while at the same time treating each of their peers with surprising professional courtesy. Victims of exploitation, extortion, rape, physical brutality and public scorn, they often slept with their promoters, with other performer's spouses, and, occasionally, with their own husbands.

During one of the last scenes, director Leitman depicts an organized reunion of female wrestlers. Seeing a convention hall full of gray-haired grandmothers who were once muscular young women eager and perfectly able to take on men twice their size only highlights that the documentary turns its eye onto the modern status of female wrestling—where the large-breasted, blond-haired, scantily dressed women react in surprise when their forbears like the Fabulous Moolah step into the ring—only occasionally.

The story of these women is one that is long overdue to be told, but perhaps by a surer and more confident hand than that of Ruth Leitman. When the final scene plays out, the ending proves unsatisfactory, with it being a slipshod and apparently last minute conclusion to a disorganized collage of girl power. Instead of offering a determined sucker punch, Lipstick and Dynamite merely grazes the chin.



## Best of Youth a foreign epic—literally

Italian movie *Best of Youth* clocks in at just over six hours in length. You might be in your seat for an eternity, but it's still a tight, compelling film

### *The Best of Youth, Pt 1*

Directed by Marco Tullio Giordana  
Starring Luigi Lo Cascio, Alessio Boni,  
Adriano Asi and Sonia Bergamasco  
16–19 September at 6:30pm  
Metro Cinema

PATRICK ROSS  
Arts & Entertainment Writer

In the vast world of cinema, there are movies that make you appreciate the fine art of filmmaking, and there are movies that make you appreciate comfortable seats. At 379 minutes, Italian director Marco Tullio Giordana's *The Best of Youth* is both, and with an absolutely epic running time, the Metro Cinema is showing the film in two parts.

While one would expect that a movie which is six *frakkin'* hours long would contain more than its fair share of filler, *The Best of Youth* is a film surprisingly devoid of it. Among other things, the film tackles the subjects of mental illness, social struggle, chronic illness, familial alienation and bereavement—and this is as Giordana's just getting warmed up.

As the film opens in the Italy of 1966, we are introduced to Matteo, a reclusive, academically gifted young man, and his brother Nicola, a more outgoing individual and promising medical student whose instructor notes his talent for sympathy. The two brothers are set to embark on a trip to Norway as soon as they finish their university exams. Their plans change, however,

when Matteo rescues Georgia, a beautiful young woman on the lam from a mental institute where she was being abused.

**While definitely longer than most anything many of us have seen on a movie screen before, its developed and compelling characters make the audience truly care about the film, capturing attention in a way that shorter and what would assumedly be more concise films often do not achieve.**

When an attempt to reunite Georgia with her father fails, she's randomly taken into police custody. What follows is a radical change in the two young men's lives. Matteo becomes a member of Italy's brutal riot police, while Nicola becomes a psychiatrist, and a crusader against abuse of psychiatric patients. The difference between the two is striking: while Niccolò becomes a bright and deter-

mined social progressive, Matteo becomes dark and brutal—even by the standards of his tumultuous time. While Niccolò's relentlessness garners him rewarding results, Matteo's hair-trigger temper repeatedly lands him in hot water. Somehow, the two men hold their relationship together even as their world changes around them, and provokes changes in themselves.

Giordana brings a sublime gift for storytelling to *Best of Youth*, as well as a superb eye for cinematography. Camera shots are often in motion, adding to the impression that the world around the two men is changing. Giordana makes use of music to set the film's events in time, as the songs chosen are among those most popular at each point during the film's 14-year span.

The film—thus far—is a rewarding treat. While definitely longer than most anything many of us have seen on a movie screen before, its developed and compelling characters make the audience truly care about the film, capturing attention in a way that shorter and what would assumedly be more concise films often do not achieve.

Viewers would be well advised to bring their reading glasses—the film is in Italian, and subtitled in English. And, as mentioned, audiences need to be prepared to put in for the long haul—this is, after all, only part one.

*A review of The Best of Youth, Pt 2, will appear in next Thursday's issue of the Gateway.*

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**Jason Collett**  
*Idols of Exile*  
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**NATHAN PLUMB**  
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Since breaking into the mainstream with his album *Motor Motel Love Songs*, Jason Collett has worked hard to live up to his indie rockier prestige. With his second solo album, *Idols of Exile*, Collett combines his indie vibe with strong vocals and a solid acoustic guitar to produce twelve extremely enjoyable songs.

Capable of being sublimely poetic throughout his album, he is also drolly sarcastic, going as far as to claim that he "loves it when his girlfriend calls him a cock-sucking faggot." Somehow, though, Collett masterfully works in these off-the-cuff lyrics, perhaps due to how humanly relatable most of them are.

Along with his own powerful performance, Collett's many friends from Toronto's indie music scene have left their marks on this recording. His old group, Broken Social Scene, adds instrumentation throughout, and Juno winner Feist adds refreshing, feminine vocals on multiple tracks.

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# Proof that math sells in Hollywood

Paltrow flick plays up one of the latest Hollywood fads, but formulaic it's not

## Proof

Directed by John Madden  
Starring Gwyneth Paltrow, Jake Gyllenhaal and Anthony Hopkins  
Opens Friday, 16 September

## JOHN KMECH

Arts & Entertainment Writer

Movies about math are an interesting phenomenon. They're either so indie that they barely register on the radar as a cult hit (such as Darren Aronofsky's  *$\pi$* ), or they win widespread critical acclaim and receive a Best Picture Oscar, as in the case of *A Beautiful Mind*. No matter how popular, movies dealing with math always seem to make for good drama. The reason: mental illness.

The common stereotype that has been exploited for great dramatic effect by Hollywood is the brilliant, yet partially insane mathematician. *Proof* is no different, with mental illness on the agenda here once again. But the emphasis on the role that family can play in inheriting mental illness, as well as genius, makes this a surprisingly unique and interesting movie.

Gwyneth Paltrow stars as Catherine, the gifted daughter of a groundbreaking but mentally troubled mathematician (played by an underutilized Anthony Hopkins). Having received the same age as her father when he began to show signs of mental illness, Catherine believes that she is beginning to have mental problems of her own.

Unable to cope with her father's death, and fearful to go down the same path, she becomes a recluse, despite the efforts of her father's graduate student Hal (Jake Gyllenhaal) to foster her intellectual capabilities. The central drama comes after Hal finds a notebook in her father's study containing a revolutionary mathematical proof—a formula, that despite appearing to be her father's work, Catherine claims to have written. Accused of plagiarism, she attempts to get credit for her discovery while trying to come to grips with her own sanity.



Adapted from a play, *Proof* translates well to the big screen. Although it follows a fairly predictable plot, this never seems to take away from the overall impact of the film. The most enthralling aspect of the movie is that while highly suggested, the mental instability of Hopkins's character is never clearly established. As a result, we see that the fear created from thinking you're losing your mind can be worse than actually being crazy, which is where the strength of *Proof*'s plot—and Paltrow's performance—centre.

**While the story obviously focuses on Paltrow's character and her troubles, the close connections between her and Hopkins could have been exploited to greater effect.**

Paltrow—along with Hopkins and Gyllenhaal—shine in their roles, with Paltrow's performance easily Oscar worthy. Playing a character out of her

usual range, she shows no problem displaying the torment and loneliness of mental illness. In several scenes, she seems like she's a shell of a person, while the film's high points feature emotional outbursts between her and Gyllenhaal. Hopkins, as stated before, is underused as Catherine's mathematically endowed father. While the story obviously focuses on Paltrow's character and her troubles, the close connections between her and Hopkins could have been exploited to greater effect.

Yet while the interactions between characters leave something to be desired, the cinematography makes up for this shortcoming. The director switches readily from the present to flashbacks with some jarring camera work, enforcing the confusion and setting up for a couple of truly surprising sequences. The movie reinforces this depressive move with effective use of dry humour, and while rather slow-moving at times, interest never truly wanes.

*Proof* asks the viewer to define what normal is, and forces you to question your own normalcy, with the answer being more difficult to find than you might think. Even people who have a strong dislike for math will still enjoy the smart drama displayed here.

# Latest blockbusters can't beat genre classics

DANIEL KASZOR



It's the beginning of September and you still have a few spare moments before the crush of October school-work begins. You want to unwind and rent a movie, something that isn't the usual Hollywood trash, but also isn't a painful exercise in pretentiousness. To help you slog through the trash, here are some of my favorite genre-movies from the late-70s and early 80s; they may not be the kind of movies that win Oscars, but whether it's screaming about vanquishing your enemies or being chased from Earth-invading, gut-eating aliens, they sure are a lot of fun, and a great way to waste a Sunday when there's no work to be done.

## Conan the Barbarian (1982)

Starring Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Directed by John Millius

This 1982 classic is the perfect example of how to do a genre movie right. While it may not be an Oscar winner, nor have the break-neck pace of a modern action movie, it does an excellent job

of telling the simple story of a young man who grows up to be a legendary warrior. For a genre movie to succeed, it either needs to tower over other movies of its type, or win people over with a wink and a nudge. *Conan the Barbarian* does the former. While the film properly takes itself too seriously, and is marred by an inferior cheese-ball sequel (*Conan the Destroyer*), it's a movie for anyone who finds the idea of a guy with a big sword fighting evil sorcerers even a touch interesting, and even many who don't. The film also has probably the best first line from a main character in any movie ever, which I won't spoil for you here.

## Alien (1979)

Starring Sigourney Weaver  
Directed by Ridley Scott

While the *Alien* franchise has spanned decades and has become a merchandising boon for Fox, this initial film towers above the rest. Beyond being the only Ridley Scott film that I can recommend without reservation, *Alien* still breaks many of the conventions of the sci-fi genre. The initial shocks of the film may not be as acute as they once were—at the time of its release, Sigourney Weaver wasn't a star, nor were there sequels, so who survived in the end was still in question, and neither the look of the

alien nor the chest-buster scene were known to the public—but the intense sense of claustrophobia and dread that fill the film have rarely been matched elsewhere.

## They Live (1988)

Starring "Rowdy" Roddy Piper  
Directed by John Carpenter

Not a "good" movie by any stretch of the term, and not even the best in Carpenter's uneven library, *They Live* is, however, a lot of fun. Starring Roddy Piper as a work-a-day everyman who finds out that capitalism is actually an alien plot against the earth, *They Live* is more a collection of brilliantly captured campy moments than a cohesive film. Even though the story is fairly stupid, and the last half of the movie falls apart, it's worth renting just to see Piper first put on his allegorical sunglasses of truth, or to experience the famous eight-minute back-alley brawl between Piper and woefully under-rated character actor Keith David (who is best known for being the voice of Gollum in the *Gargoyles* cartoon).

Surely these aren't the best movies ever created, but given their ability to capture a genre and have fun with themselves while doing it, I'll bet you're evening with some rentals will be all the better with these picks.

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# LUNCH IS SERVED

The ultimate roundup of every \$5 lunch on campus



**Remember** those lovely days when your mom made your lunches for you? You know, when she would fill a brown paper bag with a peanut butter-and-jelly sandwich and a juice box and an apple and a pudding cup and a note telling you how much she loved you, and then write your name on it in big block letters, and then pat you on the head as she gave it to you? Weren't they grand?

Yeah, well, those days are over, chump. The only people who still get their lunches made for them are the ones who still need bibs to stop themselves from drooling on their Mickey Mouse t-shirts. Now, since you're probably too lazy or inept to make your lunch regularly, you're forced to find sustenance the way God intended adults to: foraging in food courts.

But it's not easy out there. Between retailers full aware that 45 000 people have to eat somewhere and the fact there aren't many places for non-fast food around here, it can be almost impossible to find something that's not only filling and halfway decent for you but, more important, cheap and quick.

Fear not, though. The culinary experts at the *Gateway*, most of whom haven't eaten anything *but* a meal on campus so far this year, have searched high and low for meals of all stripes, but that all share one thing in common: they won't cost you more than a fin.

We ranked them all on how tasty they are, how nutritious they are, and how well they'll fill you up if you're hungry. It's not exactly a wide world out there, but if you know what you're doing, you can come close to eating well for less than the average pint of beer. And now, of course, you'll know what you're doing.

Feature by David Berry

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## SUB

## L'Express

There are actually a wide variety of options that are fairly budget-oriented here (it is specifically designed for a cheap student meal, after all), but due to the fact that L'Express is essentially a high-school cafeteria in a university, few of them are very good, and almost all can be had elsewhere with better quality. That said, the one thing you can get here that you can't really get anywhere else on campus is a green onion cake for \$2.60 a pop. For some reason, few places in Edmonton have green onion cakes as tasty, chewy and crisp as L'Express, which is probably why they're all gone by 1pm (in other words, hurry if you want them).

**Taste: \$\$**

There's nothing spectacular about green onion cakes, but they're not offensive, either. The sauces (plum or hot) add a certain zing, but again, it's nothing spectacular. They are always nice and crisp-yet-chewy, though.

**Health: \$\$\$\$**

You couldn't live off them, but hey, you probably ate greasier things for breakfast.

**Hunger: \$\$**

The cakes are a pretty fair size, but not a fair enough size to fill a big hunger gap.

**Overall: \$\$**

## Funky Pickle

You know them from late nights on Whyte, but they also have a little location in SUB to serve your between-class (or between-RATT) eating needs. Always less variety than at their main store, but what's around (pepperoni, vegetarian fiesta and ham and pineapple, normally) is pretty much classic, even if they charge you more for it (\$4 here as opposed to \$2.75 down Whyte).

**Taste: \$\$\$**

Funky Pickle makes fine pizza, but it gets a bit overrated thanks to the fact most people are entirely smashed while eating it. The sober variety is still fairly tasty, but for the love of God, avoid anything with corn, or that's obviously been sitting out for most of the day.

**Health: \$\$**

It'll vary a bit, obviously, but overall it's nothing too bad for you. The pineapple is a good way to prevent scurvy if your normal diet is somewhat lax on fruits.

**Hunger: \$\$**

If you're after a light snack, this will do you fine, but anyone with real hunger is going to be left wanting.

**Overall: \$\$\$**

## Marco's Famous

Another Whyte Ave staple that found its way to the U of A, Marco's serves the same burgers-and-donairs fare that causes lineups and sauce-filled baggies in the Bubbles parking lot. Though the burgers have their place, and most can be had for under \$5, for our purposes, we went with the donair, since it's the best one on campus.

**Taste: \$\$\$\$**

The sauce can be overwhelming, but there is absolutely nothing better on this earth than meat that has been slow-grilled on that stand-up rotisserie thing. It's like somebody made a deli meat out of pure truth and happiness, then spit-grilled it. Fuck yeah.

**Health: \$**

But man, is it bad for you. There has yet to be a conclusive study, but experts are fairly certain a donair could induce a heart attack just by being held for too long. A steady diet of these will definitely bump up your pant size, if you live that long.

**Hunger: \$\$\$\$**

There's a good chance you probably won't be able to finish. Whether that's because of the size of the donair or the grease level is undetermined, but you definitely won't be eating anything else after this.

**Overall: \$\$\$\$**

## Subway

Quite easily the most popular establishment in SUB, Subway makes a variety of six-inch sandwiches that sneak in under \$5, from the suspiciously cheap Veggie Delight to the fairly standard Turkey and Ham. Personal preference is entirely up to you, so we just sort of averaged them out.

**Taste: \$\$\$**

In an odd twist, the worst-tasting subs tend to be more expensive; most of the cheap ones are so simple they're hard to screw up. That said, of course, none of these sandwiches are anything you'd expect to see at a real restaurant anytime soon.

**Health: \$\$\$\$\$**

Provided you watch your sauces, and don't skimp on the veggies, this is more or less one of the healthiest meals on campus, even with the suspect meats. There are a lot with few grams of fat, and it winds up being a pretty balanced meal, if you know what you're doing.

**Hunger: \$\$\$\$**

Most people tend to get foot-longers for some reason, but a six-inch sub is usually more than enough for a solid lunch.

**Overall: \$\$\$\$**

## HUB MALL

## International Fare

They sell pizza, but the real draw here is the Thai curry. Though it used to be cheaper (a mere \$3.50 for a one-item meal with coconut rice, but now it's \$4.27 with GST), it's still among the better deals out there, and there's nowhere else on campus to get curry. Not that this means the curry isn't good, just that you don't have any other option; so, you know, consider yourself lucky. Also, they usually stock a couple of quality vegetarian items, if meat isn't your thing.

**Taste: \$\$\$\$**

Last semester, this would have been five, but it's slipped somewhat over the summer, sadly. Still, it's damn tasty, and, as above, you can't get this stuff anywhere else near here, which is worth a few points in itself.

**Health: \$\$\$**

I remember reading somewhere that curry prevents heart attacks, or cancer, or something, and there are a lot of vegetables, but still, the sheer amount of sauce just can't be all that good for you.

**Hunger: \$\$\$\$**

A one-item meal has never failed to fill anyone up, except for Godzilla, but he's like 40 feet tall and usually eats people or fish, so you should be fine.

**Overall: \$\$\$\$**

## Pita Pizzaz

This is one place on campus where the fact that you don't have money becomes really important: there are a lot of tasty, healthy meals on the menu, but few of them are that cheap. There's always a salad wrap, if you're the most boring person in the world (or a vegetarian, I guess), but the best of the cheap is the chicken fajita pita, if only because it's totally fun to say.

**Taste: \$\$\$**

You know, it's not bad, but it won't rock your world, either. It's a very solid chicken fajita, but most people (or maybe just me) have come to expect more out of meat wrapped in a pita.

**Health: \$\$\$\$**

It's Atkins friendly, on the off chance any of you were cryogenically frozen in 2003 and recently brought back to life, but more importantly, it combines a mixture of lean meat with fresh vegetables without drowning them all in some artery-clogging sauce.

**Hunger: \$\$\$**

A borderline \$\$, the fajita isn't skimpy, but it would never substitute for dinner, either. Fine as a late lunch, though.

**Overall: \$\$\$**

## The Jacket Potato Man

They call it Jacket Potato Man, but the real attraction here is their New York-style chicken salad. For those uninitiated, it's basically a plain salad with thin strips of oven-roasted chicken, almonds, green onions, some crunchy wonton-type things and an Asian-style sauce. To my knowledge, this is the only one of its kind in the city, which is a damn shame, because these things are delicious. What's more, you can get a small with a small fountain drink for about \$4.70, something more or less impossible with most other places on this list.

### Taste: \$\$\$\$\$

The sauce really ties everything together nicely, and you get the widest mix of textures of any of the other fast foods. I would have absolutely no problem ordering this in a nice sit-down restaurant.

### Health: \$\$\$\$

It's basically salad leaves with unseasoned chicken and a few other tasty but benign ingredients, so it couldn't be that bad for you, but the fact that the sauce always seems to remain behind, leaving something vaguely soup-like, can't be all that good.

### Hunger: \$\$\$\$

Surprisingly filling for a salad, the chicken does a good job of making up for all the light, leafy greens. Pretty much a perfect lunch size.

### Overall: \$\$\$\$\$

## A&W

The host of "\$5" deals they have don't count, thanks to the added GST, but there are a fair number of burger and fries or drinks combinations you can make to fill yourself up. If you're like me, though, the best bet is usually a double teen burger.

### Taste: \$\$

It's not bad, per se, but it certainly isn't good. It will

certainly satisfy a hamburger craving, but it's definitely not the type of thing that stacks up well against food in general.

### Health: \$

I'm pretty sure they dip their tomatoes in grease, and fresh seems like it's the ninth deadly sin over there (right behind "quick service"). Roughly as healthy as punching yourself in the heart with a stick of butter.

### Hunger: \$\$\$\$

Despite that, a double teen burger is actually quite filling—more so than a lot of full meals for under \$5, to be honest. If it's a burger you crave, this will be salvation.

### Overall: \$\$

## La Pasta

The closest thing to a real coffee shop on campus, this place makes its name for both its espresso and its lunches, which are both pretty top-notch. There's some variety, but the best deal in the house is definitely the salad-and-pasta combo for an even \$5 (hell, they even throw in a bun, and butter—no margarine, though, for those of you without taste, or vegan).

### Taste: \$\$\$\$\$

The salad definitely leaves something to be desired, but the pasta side of things is top-notch. This is one of the few places on campus that can compete with off-campus eateries on taste, and I'd lay dollars to cannoli that this would beat a fair bunch of them. The sauce ain't half bad, either.

### Health: \$\$\$\$

The creamy salad dressing brings it down a bit, but otherwise it's probably as good for you as anything mom would cook, and probably tastier, too. Just don't ever touch the alfredo, which is Italian for "white death."

### Hunger: \$\$\$\$\$

Hands down the most filling \$5 meal you'll ever find. This would be a pretty generous dinner portion, and as a lunch, you better eat it early, or you're not going to be partaking in supper. Probably the only meal that could lead to leftovers.

### Overall: \$\$\$\$\$

## Motherly

Another one of those places that actually has a bevy of nutritious and delicious (or, "nutridelicious") meals, but few that you can do on a budget. Not one of their incredibly delicious sandwiches (made with real meat) is under \$5 with tax, but you can score a fairly big portion of soup for less than \$4, slightly more for the cream variety.

### Taste: \$\$\$\$

As the name implies, this is all homemade stuff, and it tastes about as good as your Grandma's best broth on a cold day. The cream varieties are especially delicious, though it's best not to order them too late in the day.

### Health: \$\$\$\$

Hey, it's homemade soup: there's little in the way of grease or processed anything, and all the vegetables and whatnot are fresh and in big hunks, so you'll be getting your greens, too.

### Hunger: \$\$

Hey, it's homemade soup: there's a reason most people have soup with a sandwich or as an appetizer. The cream soups tend to be a bit more filling, but generally speaking, this is a pretty light lunch option.

### Overall: \$\$\$\$

## Edo

One of the most popular eateries on campus (so popular there's two of them, in fact, with the other in



SUB), Edo has painfully little in the way of cheap. Your only real options are a bowl of rice (seriously, just rice), or yakisoba noodles, both of which are side dishes. On the plus side, though, if you get the rice, you tend to skip the rather long lines that develop. You'll probably be jealous of everyone else's delicious-looking beef/chicken/tofu with vegetable masterpieces though.

#### Taste: \$\$

The rice is obviously pretty bland on its own, but with their special Edo Sauce or one of the other toppings they have around, it can be made to taste. The noodles are more of a texture thing, and generally don't get helped by the sauce too much, but they're not terrible without anything on them.

#### Health: \$\$\$

This is sort of a function of whether or not you put "sauce on it," as the Edo people always say. Without sauce, quite healthy, though not exactly balanced. With it, just as unbalanced, and also soaking up what I can only assume is pure animal fat mixed with soy sauce or something.

#### Hunger: \$\$\$

Both the rice and the noodles are surprisingly filling, but not especially so. And, again, they'll probably only really leave you jealous of everyone else with their plentiful, Styrofoam-bursting helpings.

#### Overall: \$\$

## CAB

### The Food Court

Look, I'll be honest: it's almost impossible to actually walk out of the CAB food court with a \$5 meal. Not that there aren't a lot of options, just that, inevitably, due to the set-up of the thing, you'll end up walking towards the till and see a pudding cup, or a chocolate milk or a banana or something, and those little things will push you over the edge into expensive town. It's not even a question of will power: the CAB food court was scientifically designed to get people to spend more money than they want to, probably so Aramark could make a killing selling extra food cards to Listerites or something.

Anyway, that admitted, the food here is all pretty much the same in terms of value, taste, and fill-osity (pretty much right in the middle of all three), but there is one shining example of uniqueness: the salad bar. You have to be really careful with yourself, but once you get a system down, it's a consistently good meal. Just stay away from the hunks of cheese: those things are fool's gold.

## AROUND CAMPUS

### Wendy's

Their \$1.39 value meal allows you to pretty much get any three items for just under \$5, so you can mix and match as you please, selecting from two different (junior) burgers, a baked potato, chili, nachos, a soft drink, a side salad and a frostee. It's a bit of a walk, of course, but it's one of the better deals around campus, if you have some time to kill.

#### Taste: \$\$\$\$

Wendy's is generally a fine place for a burger, and if that isn't your thing, there are enough other options (baked potato, side salad, chili, etc) that you can get some variety. They're not going to win any awards, of course, but in terms of limited-budget options, you're not going to find anything a whole lot better.

#### Health: \$\$\$

Varies with what you order, but some of these things are bound to be sort of okay for you, or at least not as bad as drinking pure lard.

#### Hunger: \$\$\$\$\$

You can literally order three different food items if you're so inclined, and while none of them are significant enough to quell your raging stomach on their own, stacking them one on top of the other should easily fill your gullet. Alternatively, you can go for something light, if that's what you want, you fucking pussy.

#### Overall: \$\$\$\$

### The Great Canadian Bagel

A lot like Subway, but the sandwich makers are much more competent, and they use bagels instead of regular bread. Other than that, though, they too have a few varieties of sandwich under the \$5 mark that make a decent meal. Unlike Subway, though, they also serve their breakfast sandwiches all day, and for cheap, so if you enjoy eggs and bacon and at any time of the day, this isn't a bad place to find a lunch.

#### Taste: \$\$\$\$

The sandwiches are always amply loaded with any number of decent meats and fresh veggies, but the real treat is the wide variety of bagels, most of which add a certain zing that you just don't get with normal bread.

#### Health: \$\$\$\$

Overall, this is some pretty healthy business: well-balanced, not too many sauces or anything, and generally fresh. It's like eating the word "sensible."

#### Hunger: \$\$\$

Bagels won't ever replace a dinner or anything, but they work just fine around lunchtime.

#### Overall: \$\$\$



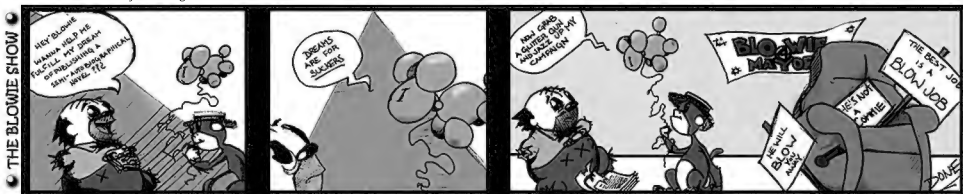
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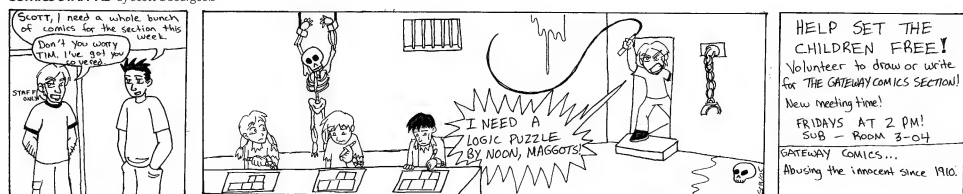
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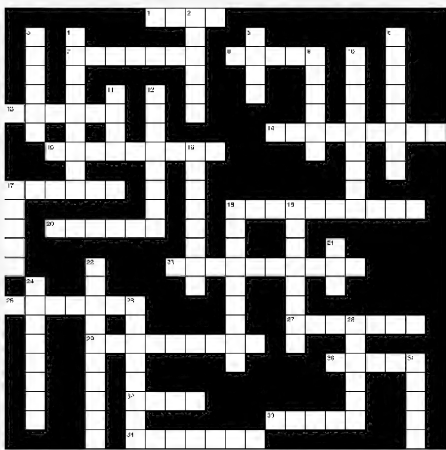
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## CROSSWORD

**The Fadword:** compiled by Scott C Bourgeois. The Crossword runs every Thursday with the answer available in [www.gateway.ualberta.ca](http://www.gateway.ualberta.ca)



## Across

1. The abbreviation for a cult movie that fans flock to midnight showings of, remade from the 1973 British musical. Bring your rice.

7. Unscripted television made popular by game-shows such as *Survivor* and *Big Brother*.

8. By 1976, Gary Dahl had become a millionaire by selling these easy-to-care-for pet.

13. In the 80s, this style of facial hair joined the mainstream. No longer would it ever just be for bikers,

wrestlers and Satan.

14. America's first flapper cartoon icon.

15. Purses that buckled at the waist. Now considered to be a major fashion disaster.

17. The t-shirt of the 60s, a swirling rainbow design easily made at home. Also associated with the *Gateway*'s Phil Head.

18. In 1957, Harold von Braunhut discovered that relative of the bryn shrimp, when dehydrated, would become inert, but would appear to come-

back to life when reintroduced to water. He ended up selling them as this.

20. An overweight man who died of heart problems invented this diet fad of the early 2000. It was eventually discovered to be unhealthy.

23. This revolution began with Pong, and eventually led to the Atari in 1978.

25. These popular toys of the 90s were stuffed animals who could pull anything out of their back-pouches. A cartoon inevitably ensued.

27. In the 90s, music sharing was free, until the recording industry caught wind of it, and shut these guys down.

29. Although it has made a comeback, nothing compares to the classic 80s, when "Hulkamania" ran wild.

30. Saturday Night Fever, ABBA, Donna Summer, The Village People, Dance Fever, Bee Gees.

32. This muppet became all the rage in the 90s with that infamous phrase, "Oh boy, that tickles!"

33. An interactive toy that spoke its own language, could learn new things, and could communicate with others of its race. Parents nearly killed each other over them at Christmas.

34. Started by Richard Hollingshead in 1933, this opular type of theatre swept America, growing to 2200 theatres in 12 years.

## Down

2. The catchword of the 80s, it was a way to tell someone you were kidding—while still coming off as an asshole.

3. 50s burger joints where women in roller skates could serve food directly to your waiting automobile.

4. Started by Lance Armstrong to raise money for cancer, these new "ribbons" have become a major fashion statement.

5. The coolest character on Happy Days, up until he decided to, literally, jump the shark.

6. One of the most popular fads of all time. Invented in Australia in the 50s, this toy was named for the dance it appeared to emulate.

9. Popular women's attire in the 50s, often adorned with poodles.

10. A game of coordination where you only needed to kick around a bean-bag. Associated with hippies.

11. In the 80s, everything was made in these colours. Everything.

12. They smoke, drank, danced and voted. Indeed, these 20s women broke the conservatives image of womanhood.

16. These hats became popular with 1954 debut of Disney's *Davy Crockett*.

17. Chubby Checker made this dance fad popular when he appeared on *American Bandstand* in the 60s.

18. A popular pastime is the 70s, especially at major sporting events, and even the 73 Oscars. It did out because people were getting arrested.

19. Dance made so popular by Los Del Rio in the 90s that everyone wanted to do it.

21. In 1927, Eduard Haas invented this popular candy mint, naming it for the short form of "pfefferminz." Dispensers wouldn't be introduced for 20 years.

22. A sticky piece of plastic that looked like a bug, that you could throw at the wall and then watch as it slowly crawled back down.

24. New Kids on the Block, N Sync, 98 Degrees—eventually people realized just how vapid and terrible all these guys really were.

26. The 90s television show that claimed to be about nothing. Proved to be a surprisingly popular how about nothing. (spelled incorrectly)

28. First appearing in the 40s, this children's toy would appear to walk down stairs.

31. First created in the 19th century during the spiritualist craze that swept Europe, this boardgame saw a revival after "The Exorcist" hit theatres and eventually outsold Monopoly.

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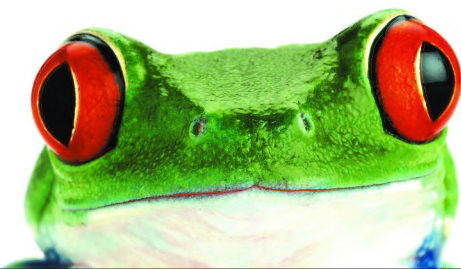
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